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ILA IN MOVE FOR HARMONY WITH TEAMSTERS

STRIKE ON ALL PLANTATIONS IN HAWAII LOOMS

Maritime Unions in Support to Cane Field Strikers

HONOLULU—A general strike is looming of all sugar plantation workers on the island of Maui.

For over two weeks a strike of 2000 plantation workers, members of the Vibora Luviminda, Filipino workers organization, has tied up five camps on the Puunene plantation of the Alexander-Baldwin Co.

Demand Wage Increases

The strike began when workers were refused a wage increase for cutting extra thick cane. Starting in Camps 2 and 3, it soon spread to Camp 5.

Fearing its growth into a general plantation strike, field managers asked the workers to return at a slight wage increase in Camps 2 and 3, but not in Camp 5. This was rejected.

Strikers sent word to the president of the Alexander-Baldwin Co. demanding that company officials meet with the strikers' negotiating committee.

Strikers have been denied the use of the Territorial Building in Wailuku for meeting purposes. The building's board of directors consists of five managers of big plantations.

Greetings of solidarity have been received from the Honolulu Longshoremens Association and the Marine Firemens Union in Honolulu. The Hilo longshoremen have issued an appeal for funds for the strikers.

Tories Gang Up to Beat Yorty Bill

SACRAMENTO — Rejected in the Senate labor and capital committee, the Yorty (California "Little Wagner") Bill stands as a living lesson on the need for a Farmer-Labor Party.

The Yorty Bill had been passed by the Assembly. In the Senate committee open shoppers' lobbyists first influenced the committee members into talking agricultural workers out of its provisions, and removing anti-company union provisions, and then killing the bill altogether.

Of the five committee members only Senators Olson and Hollister spoke for recommendation of passage.

Labor legislative representatives said standpat reactionaries had ganged up on labor on the Bill.

Cotton Choppers Out in Tulare

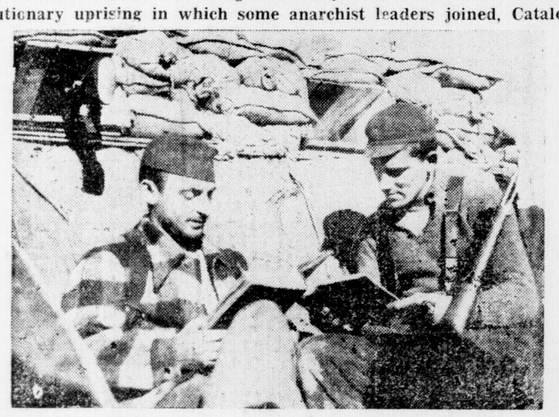
TULARE — Demanding $1.50 instead of $1 an acre, over 200 cotton choppers and weeders on the J. E. Warren Ranch are solid in a strike that started as a sitdown.

The strikers, mostly Mexicans, dropped their tools and sat down in the fields when their demands were refused. Deputies evicted them and they camped on the roads.

Spain Fighters In New Heroic Heights May 1

Unity of People Established in Barcelona After Trotzkyite Uprising is Quelled; Latter Aided Fascists

BARCELONA—Following a Trotzkyite (POUM) counter-revolutionary uprising in which some anarchist leaders joined, Catalonia's new four-man directorate, with the confidence of the people, has established order and unity here. In the new Catalonian governing council anarchists are participating, and nearly all anarchist leaders joined in attacking the uprising, which served to aid the fascists.



WITH THEIR rifles within easy reach, Spanish loyalist militiamen on duty at a post of the battle line in front of Madrid, catch up on their studies during a period of inactivity.

To the northwest of Bilbao Basque militiamen continued to hold 2000 fascists, including Italians in a trap.

by TED ALLEN

MADRID (By Cable) — May Day in Spain was celebrated in the trenches and the factories under the banner of working-class unity and to the slogans of "Super-production!" and "Attack! Attack! Attack!"

This international labor day found factory chimneys smoking and machines running from the beet sugar refineries behind Madrid front to the arms factories of the eastern provinces, turning out their quota for the battle against fascism. For the first time, moreover, there was practical tryout of the new agreement between Socialist and Communist workers covering the methods and manner of factory work.

Radio Messages to World

In the evening workers packed huge meetings and pledged solidarity with the People's Front and the military command. Radio broadcasts in many languages warned the people of the world of the menace of international fascism. "When you remember the (Haymarket) martyrs of Chicago, remember those fallen in the Spanish war."

Sunday, May 2, known as National Independence Day, was especially dedicated to the Spanish regions which first felt a sense of national unity in the face of the Napoleonic invasion in 1808. At the moment when the Basque provinces are bearing the brunt of attack, regional solidarity and national unity becomes the theme of May Day and National Independence Day.

A story disclosed here for the first time gives a picture of how anti-fascists are capable of production under fire and is significant in relation to the May Day agreements. The sugar factory "La Poveda" lies a few thousand yards behind the Madrid front lines and within easy reach of fascist artillery. All around it are beet fields. The peasants were stocking beets, but the factory was not work-

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On the Court Issue

The Oakland Man on The Street

(By Western Worker Inquiring Reporter)

OAKLAND — What do you think of Roosevelt's Supreme Court reform? This question is hot. Opinion is divided, with favorable opinion in the majority. Voices raised for the status quo are pitiably weak, having no logical basis for their stand.

H. H. Bahla, Publisher: "The Supreme Court is controlled by big business. Roosevelt cannot break it with new laws. I think the court should be busted up."

Ted Florey, 21, newsboy: "It's a good idea, as it is more democratic. It will take the say out of a few men's hands and place it in a more representative group."

Michigan traveller, about 65, retired: "I am decidedly against tampering with it. I don't think

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FRANCO IRISH BRIGADE GETS OUT OF SPAIN

LONDON — Fascist General O'Duffey's Irish brigade has been withdrawn from Spain, because the Irish boys found they had been tricked into fighting for a cause which was in reality abhorrent to them.

Many cases of murder of the Irish boys by Franco soldiers were reported.

The Circulation Drive

Kate Crane-Gartz on The 'Western' Drive

(The following appeal for the Western Worker subscription drive is made by Kate Crane-Gartz, noted California liberal, who knows that the Western Worker is of great importance not only to trade unionists, but to all progressive sections of the people in the fight against fascism and war.)

Altadena, Calif., April 25, 1937.

Workers! Subscribe to the Western Worker! Read every issue. Your world is truthfully mirrored in it. The Western Worker fights for you. It is one of the best weapons against reaction and fascism. Through its help, more and ever more people will come to see the necessity of independent political action on the part of labor—for a Farmer-Labor Party. Read it regularly. Subscribe today. And one of these days you will see that your place is shoulder to shoulder with the other fighters for democracy and socialism—and you will then join the Communist Party!

KATE CRANE-GARTZ.

PROPOSE NEW CONSTITUTION FOR CALIFORNIA

To be Taken up at People's Meet in Santa Maria

A campaign for the calling of a constitutional convention to re-draft the state constitution was among proposals brought forward at a state executive board meeting of the California People's Legislative Conference May 2 at Fresno.

This issue, the board decided, will be among those to be considered at the second state-wide convention of the Conference to be held June 20 at Santa Maria. This convention will adopt plans for the activities of the Conference following adjournment of the present session of the state legislature.

Santa Maria Convention

Other proposals suggested for consideration at the same time, one of the three to serve as the basis for the campaign following the adjournment of the legislature, were the question of a unicameral (one-house) legislature and that of the election of the state senate on the basis of population.

Calls for the June 20 convention at Santa Maria will soon ganizations, and will be available be mailed to all affiliated orble at the state headquarters of the Legislative Conference, Room 347, Phelan Building, 760 Market Street, San Francisco.

Result of L.A. Poll Analyzed by C. P.

LOS ANGELES—The results of the Los Angeles Mayoralty election has been analyzed by the Los Angeles section of the Communist Party as follows:

The results of the Los Angeles Municipal Elections in which Frank L. Shaw was re-elected mayor does not indicate a trend towards conservatism as claimed by the Los Angeles Herald-Express. An analysis of the election results will prove quite the contrary, namely that the people are ready to respond to progressive issues and a progressive program.

Let us look at the facts. Shaw received 169,849 votes out of a total of 313,928, or a total of 55 8-10 per cent. Ford received 144,079 or a total of 44 2-10 per cent.

Narrow Margin for Shaw

Thus we see that in the first place the Shaw margin of victory was a very narrow one indeed and that in no sense can his re-election be puffed up (as the reactionary press tries

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RANK AND FILE OF IATSE CALL MOVIE MEET

Are With Federated In Strike; CIO in Fullest Support

HOLLYWOOD — Guaranteed full support of the Committee for Industrial Organization, the Federated Motion Picture Crafts has tightened its strike lines in all major studios.

The Screen Actors' Guild, to which most of the film stars belong, has not yet decided on what action to take. A number of the stars have expressed their distaste of passing through he crafts' picket lines. Included among them are Gale Sondergaard and Luise Rainer.

Guild Donates $500

The Guild on Wednesday donated $500 to the Federated strike fund.

One of those typical Buzzell plans (Buzzell is L. A. Labor Council Secretary) was rejected on a basis of settlement by the Federated, through William Lessing, strike leader.

The Buzzell plan was that the strikers return to work, while wage demands are negotiated.

Message From Brophy

The Federated originally demanded only the closed shop, but the producers' obstinacy forced the Federated to add wage and other demands.

CIO support came in an enthusiastically received wire from CIO Director John Brophy, who said that all labor people should support the strike.

CIO Organizer C. H. Jordan said auto, steel, rubber and other CIO union members would strengthen the picket line.

A raid on Intl. Assn. of Theatrical Stage Employees offices was not the work of strikers, according to Lessing. The IATSE officials are playing a strike-breaking part, and Lessing has protested this to William Green. IATSE members are not satisfied with this condition. The "White Rats," an IATSE group for local autonomy, is calling a mass meeting for the next Sunday on the question.

The pickets, whose morale is high, feel that the actors will agree to respect picket lines after their meeting on Sunday. They also feel that the IATSE rank and file are with them.

HOMEOWNERS BILL PASSED

SACRAMENTO — The Assembly has approved the Reaves bill, to prevent wholesale foreclosures should the existing moratorium law be invalidated. The Reaves bill is a boon to small homeowners.

Speaks for Spanish People



FATHER MICHAEL O'FLANAGAN, Irish republican leader, well known to Catholic people of California, who is touring the U. S. to plead for medical aid for Spanish loyalists. His tour is under auspices of Medical Bureau to Aid Spanish Democracy, 381 Fourth Avenue, New York City.

74 Locals at Big Seattle Convention

Teamsters Invited to Participate in Conference to Iron Out Existing Differences; 124 Voting Delegates at Meet

The call for the convention of the Maritime Federation of the Pacific has gone out. The convention will open on June 7 in Portland, Ore.

SEATTLE—Opening its fight against Teamster interference in ILA affairs, the 30th annual convention of the International Longshoremen's Association Wednesday sent letters to the Brotherhood of Teamsters inviting them to participate in a conference to iron out existing differences, and to Mayor John Dore of Seattle, asking him to act as presiding officer at a public conference.

Picketing of Alaska ships by a newly-formed union of Japanese cannery workers, claiming jurisdiction in place of the older Cannery Workers and Farm Laborers Union, precipitated the ILA-TEAMSTER dispute. Attempts by Teamsters to wrest jurisdiction over ILA organized warehouses from the ILA has kept five plants in Seattle closed for several months.

Letter to Teamsters

The letter sent by the convention to the Teamsters said, in part:

"Though labor must preserve and utilize the right to strike if conditions force strike action upon us, nevertheless, unnecessary industrial disputes cause hardship on all concerned. Unwarranted labor disputes sap the vital strength of the trade union movement. The unity of the labor movement must be preserved. The inter-union strife which is being deliberately provoked by a dictatorial officialdom, sitting 3000 miles away, threatens to seriously weaken organized labor on the Pacific Coast."

Letter to Screen Guild

Another letter ordered sent by the convention to President Robert Montgomery of the Screen Actors' Guild called upon actors to respect picket lines thrown around Hollywood studios. Commenting on a newspaper headline which read: "Stars to Break Picket Lines in Movie Strike," the letter said: "this is utterly contradictory to the impression the ILA has had of the progressive, militant spirit of the Screen Actors' Guild as shown in the past," and asked further information from Montgomery.

The convention, during the opening session heard a greeting sent by Tom Mooney, who expressed confidence in the leadership of the ILA and urged that the fight to force release of all political prisoners be intensified.

The convention unanimously voted full support to free labor's prisoners. Greetings were also read from other labor bodies, and fraternal delegates were seated from the Inland Boatman, the Sawmill and Timber Workers and the Maritime Federation of the Pacific.

Seventy-four locals of the ILA are represented at the convention, with a total voting strength of 124 delegates, nearly twice that of last year.

Condolences were sent by the convention to the family of Mike Casey, second international vice-president of the Teamsters Union, and a scroll ordered hung in the ILA district office at San Francisco.

The convention is laying down the ILA policies on these questions and others for the coming year.

From Spain to YCL

Marine Workers in Greeting to Parley

NEW YORK—The 8th National Convention of the Young Communist League was electrified by a cable of greetings from



INTL. BRIGADE LEADERS

maritime workers of the Third Company, American Battalion, of the International Brigade.

The cable stated:

To the 8th National Convention of the Young Communist League of America—
Opening at Madison Square Garden, May 2nd:

We, the marine workers, fighting in Spain for the preservation of Democracy, give our most sincere anti-fascist greetings to the youth of America.

We are proud of the work of the YCL in building a powerful league that can and will stamp out the advances of the fascists in America, just as the youth of Spain, united, have driven Mussolini and Hitler from the gates of Madrid.

We know the past role of the American youth in aiding Spain and we would like to point out that—if Madrid is to be the tomb of international fascism—that Spain must be first on the order of business in all countries.

All aid to Spain! Smash the blockade against the Spanish people! Build the United Youth League! Long live the Young Communist League!

Signed,
Maritime Workers of the Third Company.
American Battalion, International Brigade.

Mothers' Day Peace Day This Year

Mothers Day this year will be Peace Day throughout the nation.

In San Francisco Sunday Mrs. Bertha Monroe, assistant professor of sociology at State Teachers College, will speak at a meeting at the Peace Center, 715 Ashbury St., at 8 p. m.

Scenes from the play "Bury the Dead" will be enacted.

STRIKERS FOR HIRING HALL IN S.F. HOTELS

Locals Demand That Original Demands Be Reaffirmed

SAN FRANCISCO—No return to work in the strike of 3000 hotel workers until a full agreement is reached, and reaffirmation of the hotel workers' original demands form the sentiment sweeping the ranks of the strikers as a result of the hotel owners' obstinacy.

It is the logical result of the splendid spirit shown by the pickets before the city's largest and ritziest hotels.

Cooks and Local 110 Concur

Cooks Local 44 and Miscellaneous Local 110 have unanimously adopted the following resolution (In Waiters Local 30 Hugo Ernst red-baited and would not allow a motion for concurrence in the resolution):

Whereas: At the meeting held in the Eagle's Hall, Tuesday, March 22, 1937 our negotiating committee announced that demands could be revised only when and if negotiations should break down, and

Whereas: Negotiations have broken down due to the action of the employers' committee, and the strike has resulted, and

Whereas: The membership has expressed the sentiment that it is necessary to re-affirm the original demands in order to better protect the interests of the members; therefore be it

Resolved: That we, members of Local No. 110, here assembled in special meeting Wednesday May 5, 1937, re-affirm our former original demands, and demand:

1. The Union Controlled Hiring Hall.
2. The Union Shop.
3. The five day week, eight hour day.
4. Right of Business Agents to visit Hotels at reasonable hours.
5. Minimum wage scale to be the same in the Hotels as the present wage scale already established in restaurants, and be it further

Resolved: That the above demands go into effect immediately upon return to work, and be it further

Resolved: That there shall be no return to work until a full agreement is reached, and that no contract be signed without a referendum vote of all workers involved in the strike, and be it finally

Resolved: That we request our Local Joint Executive Board to endorse the above and hereby instruct our delegates to vote concurence, and that copies of this resolution be sent to the Local Joint Executive Board and all our sister Locals.

Move for ISU Rank And File Control

NEW YORK—Because a handful of discredited reactionary officials are depriving the vast majority of East and Gulf coast seamen from deciding who shall be their collective bargaining agents and union officials, the rank and file of the ISU unions on those coasts have decided to change the name of their organization, which comprises the Eastern and Gulf District of the I.S.U., to the National Maritime Union.

ISU and AFL reactionary officials have refused to meet the rank and file demands for honest, democratic elections under neutral auspices, because they fear that such an election will show an overwhelming majority of the seamen support the emergency rank and file officials.

The setting up of a new organization and changing its name

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PARIS, 500,000; N. Y., 150,000 ON MAY FIRST

The Greatest of All United Parades Ever Seen

NEW YORK—A surging, orderly, happy crowd of more than 150,000 workers took over the streets of New York May 1. For over 10 hours they marched and sang, exulting in their strength in an open demonstration of labor's onward sweep towards 100 per cent unionization. Another 150,000 lined the streets and cheered them on, while in Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston, Cleveland and many other cities thousands more observed international May Day.

PARIS—Western Europe has probably never seen a greater demonstration than that on May Day in Paris. The United Trade Unions, the Socialists, Communists and all adherents of the People's Front were among the 500,000 who marched and met. Five million people took part in all the French united parades

NEW HEIGHTS OF HEROISM IN SPAIN MAY DAY

Factories Manned in Line of Fire; Send Message to World

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ing.

Someone suggested three working shifts would produce 1,000 sacks of sugar a day, and volunteers were called for. Volunteers came fast in spite of the danger — chemists, mechanics, skilled and semi-skilled workers. They started the factory working. Like a symbol of defiance, smoke curled out of the chimneys.

Fascist artillery has been firing ever since, and sometimes the beets are mingled with workers' blood, but the factory now produces 1,000 sacks of sugar a day—and Madrid has its sugar. Some English and American boys are among the factory's workers.

Our American volunteers celebrated May Day in a village near Madrid. It was their first rest day after weeks at the front. At meetings and concerts, they pledged to remain until the last shot of the last battle determines the final victory of the Spanish people.

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will force the holding of an election, probably under the auspices of the National Labor Relations Board, to decide who represents the seamen, the old ISU officials or the leaders of the rank and file headed by Joe Curran.

This move will make possible to once and for all oust the Hunter - Grange - Scharrengerg clique of discredited shipowners' agents from the union and will pave the way for re-establishing the national unity of the seamen.

The establishment of rank-and-file control on the East Coast thru the holding of an election will make it possible to unite the East and West Coast unions of the seamen into a powerful national organization and be a long step in the direction of building a National Maritime Federation.

The Marine Cooks and Marine Firemens Union in San Francisco have adopted the following resolution, printed in part:

"Resolved: That our district union hereby goes on record as reaffirming our demand for the calling of a national convention of the ISU, granting full seating and voting power to the Sailors Union of the Pacific, and all other District Unions, regardless of their standing in payment of International per capita, and full representation to the elected representatives of the East Coast rank and file and that we instruct our committee to meet with representatives of the other Pacific District Unions and establish contact with the Atlantic District Unions, in order to coordinate and formulate the plans for the calling of such a national convention."

CORRECTION

In the article "The Trotzkyites and the Farmer-Labor Party," in our last issue, an unfortunate error of a typographical nature made a sentence read "Today, when Trotzkyism is no longer a political trend within the working-class, but has degenerated into an ally of fascism and its most valuable auxiliary force, its aim is to sow dissention . . . and awaken the struggle for the building of a People's Front. . ."

Instead of "awaken" the word should have been "weaken."

Pleads for His Family



THREATENED WITH deportation to fascist Italy because he committed a crime as a youth 26 years ago, Thomas Scarpone, New York war vet and resident of U. S. since 1906, is appealing to Labor Dept. officials not to separate him from his wife and American-born children.

A Union Kids Camp

For Children of Marine Workers

SAN FRANCISCO—The maritime unions want a name for their childrens' camp near Morgan Hill. (The camp will be open between June 6 and August 7.)

The camp is being sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliaries, the Union Recreation Center, and the Maritime Federation Junior Unions.

There will be two weeks shifts for the boys and two weeks for the girls.

For the Lucky Winner

The boy or girl between 8 and 15 who submits the winning name for the camp will be rewarded with two weeks at the camp. The contestants must have one parent in the ranks of organized labor.

Hiking, swimming, campfires, campcraft will be among the features of the camp.

Labor's League in Plans for Future

WASHINGTON—State organizations of Labor's Non-Partisan League are adopting formal constitutions and preparing for permanent activity in the political field on behalf of labor, according to the officials in headquarters here.

In addition, it is reported by the league, a follow-up campaign on the court issue is being conducted in the wake of the series of mass meetings held by the league April 19 in most large cities. "Labor, regardless of the internal division, is united in support of the President's plan and is carrying through in the campaign in complete harmony and unity," league officials say.

A model constitution, for adoption by state organizations, is being prepared at league headquarters and an attempt will be made to have all the states adopt the similar constitutions in order that organization procedure may be kept uniform.

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more men would expedite things."

Man wearing gold cross on his lapel, about 33: "We ought to stick to the Constitution and leave the Court as it is."

Ed Lipson, merchant: "I feel just like any other progressive-minded person. The Supreme Court very badly needs re-organization. And while on that subject, inasmuch as William Green is so anxious to be re-organizing, why doesn't he get behind this court movement?"

Mrs. Maxwell, 2950 Rosedale, housewife: "My idea is to leave it alone, although Roosevelt may be doing the right thing."

B. Jackson, 61, retired: "Roosevelt is absolutely right. The Court kills laws as fast as the people make them."

Mail carrier: "We are not supposed to have any opinions on anything political."

Parkman Passage Is Danger Signal

(See editorial on Page 4)

SACRAMENTO—Organized labor in California is in grave danger, and the Senate's passage of the Parkman bill is one of the danger signals!

The Parkman bill makes sit-down strikers guilty of criminal trespass. If passed in the Assembly and made law, it will set the precedent for outlawing of all strikes.

Every union and other progressive organization and individual is urged to get in touch with the assemblymen from their district, demanding that they vote against the Parkman bill, as well as against the Crittenden and Biggar bills.

MANEUVER IN FAILURE ON PARKER DAM

1000 CIO Strikers Staunch; AFL Men Show Support

LOS ANGELES — Despite threats of a shut-down by the Winston-Crowell Company, contractors for the intake pump job at Parker Dam, more than 1,000 CIO strikers of the International Mine, Mill and Smelter Workers Union at Parker Dam continue a determined fight for their demands of union recognition and a $1 minimum wage raise.

Fifteen strikers had been arrested by State Highway Patrolmen, and county deputy sheriffs, on frame-up charges of "resisting an officer." International Labor Defense attorney, Grover Johnson is acting as their attorney.

A Fake

According to Bill Smith, member of the Strike Committee, the Ways and Means Committee, and the Negotiations Committee, the proposed 'shut-down' of the company is merely a fake to disorganize and sabotage the strike.

In a company-controlled vote last week, when strikers were to show whether they wanted the CIO or the AFL to represent them, strikers voted unanimously at separate meetings, not to participate in the so-called elections.

AFL Men Respect Pickets

Though the AFL leaders have ordered their members to return to work, after signing a sell-out agreement with the contractors, a good percentage of the AFL men, Smith said, have refused to pass through picket lines. Many who did go through, returned after a little work, to take their place with the strikers.

Refuting company statements that work is going "as usual," Smith showed that the entire project is practically entirely shut down.

Cal. Agricultural Fund Drive is on

All set to begin its drive to organize the 250,000 California agricultural and allied workers, the Cannery and Agricultural Federation of California finds that an Organizing Fund of $10,000 is absolutely essential.

In Labor's Cause

The Federation, launched at the recent Bakersfield conference, provides for a 10 cents per capita tax per member, but the agricultural workers are poorly paid and can raise little of the necessary finances.

"In the cause of organized labor," states the Federation, "to make California a 100 per cent unionized state, we ask each union to participate in the unionizing campaign by aiding in the drive for a $10,000 fund.

"Send all donations to Lloyd Lehman, executive secretary-treasurer, 32 Clay St., San Francisco."

Peoples Lobby is Active in Oroville

OROVILLE (Butte County)—A good-sized crowd heard Senator Ellis D. Patterson flay the old parties, at a rally called here by the newly-formed Butte County Peoples Legislative Conference.

Dr. Peveril Meigs, an instructor at Chico State College, was elected president of the Fourth District unit of the People's Conference; Robert Gulick of Oroville, first vice-president; H. P. Rucker of Yuba City, second vice-president; Edward Anderson of Live Oak, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Anna Halprin of Yuba City, recording secretary; and Oliver Moll of Durham, treasurer.

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COMMUNIST PARTY, LOS ANGELES ANALYZES RESULTS OF ELECTION FOR MAYORALTY; TELLS TASKS

Shaw in Narrow Victory; Does Not Mean "Trend Toward Conservatism" as Los Angeles Press Tries to Claim

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to do) into "a sweeping victory."

2. Furthermore, Shaw's re-election cannot be interpreted as a great victory for reaction because his campaign was conducted behind a smoke-screen of demogagic liberalism and progressivism. In other words while it is true that Shaw was backed by the same reactionary interests (The M. & M., the Chamber of Commerce, Herald-Express, Los Angeles Times) that lined up behisd Landon, his campaign was demogogically altered from the Landon type of campaign. Shaw boosted himself as a new dealer, his literature acclaimed him as a "champion of civil liberties," a defender of the rights of labor. In this way Shaw was able to confuse the issues and mislead many thousands of progressive minded people into voting for him. The re-election of Shaw is definitely not an endorsement by the people of reaction, of political control for the Hearst-Chandler interests.

3. Also in estimating the election results there must be taken into consideration the fact that behind Shaw's campaign there was thrown the tremendous power of the official machine, the power of patronage. All departments of the City administration, the police, the fire department, the health department and all other divisions were mobilized for active campaigning in behalf of Shaw. Bolstering up this powerful machine was an unlimited financial reserve. It is estimated conservatively that hundreds of thousands of dollars were thrown into the Shaw campaign.

4. On top of all this and probably the most decisive factor militating against Ford was the serious mistakes and even reactionary tendencies in the Ford campaign. From the very beginning Ford followed a confused and vacillating policy on the most decisive issues, trying to pacify the reactionary forces, but this had precisely the opposite effect of that expected.

Because of his failure to come out clearly as a pro-labor candidate, as an uncompromising fighter for progress and against reaction—because of this Ford failed to rally the labor support and made it possible for the reactionaries in the Central Labor Council to side-track a Ford endorsement. Had Ford taken a clear-cut pro-labor stand he would undoubtedly have received the endorsement of organized labor and this would have been a decisive enough factor to tilt the scales in his favor.

Ford Gave Way

In the latter part of his campaign Ford went from bad to worse, giving way under the "red-baiting" attacks of the reactionaries by resorting to "red-baiting" on his own account.

This alienated considerable sections of the most active and militant people in the labor and progressive movement and undoubtedly cost Ford heavily. It is safe to state on the basis of the election results that had Ford come out as the labor candidate on a clear cut pro-labor program and thus received the support of organized labor he would have been elected mayor.

5. Finally it must be pointed out that an unrestrained campaign of "red-baiting" and demagogic attacks were carried on against Ford. Despite the fact that "red-baiting" attacks were thrown against Ford through the main newspapers, through the radio, it is of the utmost significance that nearly half of the electorate voted for Ford.

Therefore, in summarizing the results of the elections we are justified in saying that to the extent that issues were clearly and correctly brought forward, the vote definitely indicates a progressive current, that the people want a change. The heavy vote for Ford shows that masses of people want progressive political action.

Tasks of Progressives Now

The chief tasks of labor and progressive forces in this post-election period are: to rally and organize their forces to put a maximum of pressure on Shaw, forcing him to fulfill his demagogic election campaign promises of civil rights, friendship towards labor, progressive administration, etc.

This can best be done by affecting the broadest possible unity of all unions and groupings favoring progressive political action and most particularly by carrying forward within the organized labor movement the work of building Labor's Non-Partisan League.

The outlook for the State elections in 1938 are exceptionally favorable, if all the progressive forces will make a correct estimation of the results of the elections, rejecting the false analysis of the open-shop press and driving ahead with all energy and without delay in preparation for the coming test of strength on a State-wide scale between the forces of reaction and of progress.

The Communist Party pledges itself to work unstintingly and whole-heartedly towards the end of achieving a sweeping victory for the forces of progress in the 1938 State elections.

100% CLOSED SHOP, WILLYS; FORD IS NEXT

11 L. A. Automobile Unions Form a District Council

LOS ANGELES—The official charter from the United Automobile Workers of America, CIO affiliate, was installed for the Auto Workers' District Council, No. 5, at its meeting, Saturday, May 1, a union spokesman announced last week.

Only recently formed, the District Council represents eleven locals of the Auto Workers' Union, in aircraft and auto plants. Locals from the Willys, General Motors, Studebaker, and Chrysler automobile plants, and the Lockheed, Northrop, Douglas, North American, and Vultee aircraft plants are represented.

100 per cent Closed Shop

At the Willys plant, a contract guaranteeing 100 per cent closed shop conditions was signed Tuesday, April 27, making the Willys plant the first in the United States to gain a 100 per cent closed shop contract.

Excellent organizational gains have been made in all the other plants, the spokesman for the union stated.

At a mass meeting called for workers in the Ford plant at Wilmington last week, hundreds of men had to be turned away because of lack of room. A hall seating 250 had been rented, and more than 700 workers showed up for the meeting.

Under new arrangements made by the District Council, the union newspaper, "Plane Facts," will be entirely under the control of the Council. A committe, composed of representatives of the locals, will constitute the editorial board of the paper. Ray Hyatt, former business manager, has been relieved and will have nothing to do with the paper.

S. Diego Aircraft Local Hits Lydick

SAN DIEGO—Reactionaries in the San Diego Central Labor Council succeeded in postponing action for one week on a resolution demanding restoration of the Alameda County Central Labor Council's charter, although it was clear that a majority of the delegates favored the resolution.

Delegate after delegate spoke in favor of the resolution and condemned the dictatorial methods of Green and Watson; pointing out that Joseph Casey has been placed in complete control of the Oakland Teamsters Union and that he is the one who broke up the San Diego Central Labor Council with utter disregard for the constitution or the welfare of the labor movement.

The opponents of the resolution could find no legitimate reason for opposing it but were successful in delaying action for one week on the argument that the Alameda Council had not yet asked San Diego for help.

Loomis of the Painters, one of the signers of the resolution, made the motion that the secretary write the Alameda Council and that action on the resolution be postponed until the next meeting. Many of the delegates were in favor of immediate action and the vote on the motion to postpone received a majority of only one vote.

John Lydick, recently elected secretary of the Council as a progressive, did not take a stand for or against the resolution.

Earlier in the meeting, Aircraft Local 1125 expressed dissatisfaction with some of Lydick's actions and asked that the council order him to refrain from interfering in the affairs of the aircraft union.

The resolution passed in the aircraft local and brought to the Central Labor Council states that Secretary Lydick was overheard telephoning to International Vice-President Curley Growe, requesting him to come to San Diego at once.

Delegates from the Aircraft Unions stated that the convention between Growe and Lydick concerned a move in the union to strip Business Agent Dayton of his powers and confine his activities to that of financial secretary.

A motion was made and passed ordering the executive committee to investigate and report to the Council at the next meeting.

E Bay Women Talk Of Buyers Strike

OAKLAND—California housewives are beginning to think in terms of concrete action against high prices.

The California Housewives League, which met last week in Oakland to discuss action against price rises, has written President Roosevelt, warning him that it may have to call a buyers' strike if living costs continue to rise. The League blasted price-fixing legislation in Congress.

Colorful Spanish Evening

Spanish Fiesta May 11 to Aid the Lincoln Boys

SAN FRANCISCO—Honor the Abraham Lincoln Battalion!

Workers who have been wanting to do something real to show their enthusiasm for the victors of Guadalajara will get their chance Friday night, May 14, at the Spanish Fiesta. This affair, to be held at Trianon Ballroom, 1268 Sutter St., is sponsored by the Friends of the Lincoln Battalion, to raise money to provide these Americans fighting against fascism in Spain with cigarettes, chocolate, magazines, papers and other comforts to soldiers in action.

A Colorful Evening

Local Spanish groups will present a March of the Spanish Provinces in which chorus and solo numbers from Aragon, Andalusia and the Basque country will compete with song and dance. The Fiesta promises to be the most lovely and colorful evening that has been seen in a long time.

All over the country similar affairs have been held or are being planned. In Los Angeles $1300 was realized and it is hoped that in San Francisco an equal amount can be obtained to make things a little easier for comrades at the front.

Studio Production Hurt by Strike

LOS ANGELES — Characterized by brazen attempts at strike-breaking by producers, aided by the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employes, an AFL union, the strike of nearly 6,000 motion picture studio workers continued to hold production to a minimum.

Newest move to broaden the strike of the Federated Motion Picture Crafts, under whose leadership the strike is being carried on, is to picket Hollywood and Downtown theaters showing pictures made by companies where the workers are on strike.

Chief aims of the Federation are recognition for the ten unions on strike, establishment of uniform working hours for all crafts affiliated with the federation, and 100 per cent union shop.

Though accusations of "strike-breaking" had been denied by the producers, Pat Casey, so-called "labor co-ordinator" for the studios, admitted Tuesday, that approximately 150 persons had been hired to "replace" strikers.

Answering the claims of producers that production is "as usual," Charles Lessing, executive secretary of the Federation declared that:

"The actual shooting of pictures may be continuing, since actors are going through the picket lines and the IATSE on the job, but there are no preparations being made for new pictures. They can't get ready to shoot anything new, with the painters, make-up men, and scenic artists out. The studios may have called in a few outsiders and some few of our members may have weakened, but these represent a small percentage."

In sharp contrast to the scabby activities of the IATSE, many individual members of the IATSE and other unions are refusing to go through picket lines. Though, so far none of the most famous stars have refused to pass the lines, many of the lower salaried actors and extras showed their loyalty to the unions, and remained at home.

Green Hints Dual East Bay Charter

OAKLAND—No one was amazed when William A. Spooner, secretary of the dual and illegal Alameda Central Labor Council set up after William Green's dissolving of the real labor council, received a telegram from Green assuring Spooner of the AFL president's support of the dual council.

Green told Spooner he would issue a new charter if need be.

The real Alameda County Labor Council was preparing an injunction to force restoration of its charter.

Deposed Teamsters Local 70 officers have agreed to another continuance in their injunction suit, pending an attempt of the Casey-Beck group and the removed officials to settle the question out of court.

WESTERN WORKER IS ROAD CHART FOR EVERY PACIFIC COAST MARITIME WORKER

The 'Western' and Maritime Workers are Closely Bound Through Years of Struggle, Says Leader on Waterfront

By D. L. SAUNDERS

(Organizer, S. F. Waterfront Section, Communist Party)

Are you a Western Worker subscriber, Brother Maritime Worker? If you are not yet a subscriber—a steady reader of the ONLY political and trade union workingclass paper in California—then you, as one of the advance guard of progressive American Labor will not be able to understand and carry out the many complex responsibilities that rest upon the Maritime Federation of the Pacific, **UPON YOU.**

What waterfront worker does not recall the early days of 1934, when a small but determined group of progressives first lined themselves up for the ultimate victory against the Blue Book "union." It was in the pages of a small four-page tabloid WESTERN WORKER, that the maritime workers found the correct path laid down for them to end the evil fink hall days.

It was in the heat of the bloody 1934 strike that maritime workers found the WESTERN WORKER the only paper in the entire State which stoutly defended their interests. True, thanks to vigilante terrorism, the Western Worker at times during this strike appeared as a single, mimeographed sheet—YET IT APPEARED CARRYING THE MARITIME WORKERS' STORY.

And was it not the ever alert WESTERN WORKER which warned the maritime workers of the role of Scharrenberg and company in the disastrous "Tanker Strike"—a "strike" called by Scharrengerg's machine in effort to destroy the newly found Maritime Federation—the Federation first inspired by the WESTERN WORKER in the early days of the 1934 strike?

The Strike

21,000 WESTERN WORKERS reached the hands of pickets during the last strike—warning the workers against any attempts to split their ranks and willing for steadfast unity. UNITY, which eventually decisively defeated the well laid plans of the shipowners to smash the maritime unions and their progressive federation.

No better tribute can be paid to the WESTERN WORKER and its role of champion of unity, than that of the shipowner who, towards the end of the strike in a meeting with other shipowners, waving a copy of the WESTERN WORKER in his hand, cried, **"Gentlemen, I tell you we've underestimated these damn Communists. Every move we make is exposed instantly in their damn propaganda sheet."**

Today, it is in the pages of the WESTERN WORKER, that maritime workers will find the answer to reactionary William Green's attempt to split the labor movement, thereby adding joy to the open-shoppers whose main slogan is one of "divide and rule." It is the WESTERN WORKER that once more calls for unity of the American working class against the forces of reaction. The WESTERN WORKER that champions the fight of the CIO to organize the unorganized.

Do the current stories in the capitalists' papers, reluctantly reporting the splendid victories of the Loyalists government in Spain, give you a sense of exultancy, maritime worker? Then—you must read your WESTERN WORKER faithfully to find out what these temporary victories mean not only to the defenders of Democracy in Spain, but to you, maritime workers on the Embarcadero and along the entire coastline.

You want to know why there is no unemployment worries—no old age insecurity—no fear of privation and want haunting the workers of the Soviet Union? In the pages of the WESTERN WORKER you will find the answer. You will learn of the success of Socialism in the only country today throughout the entire world—the leading force in the fight to promote world peace and democracy.

While slinging cargo on board some Oriental-bound vessel, do you often ask yourself, **"Just what the h——l is going on in Chine?"** The WESTERN WORKER twice a week at your home will give you the correct answer.

Follow Western Closely!

Watching the antics of some of these Congressmen and Senators in Washington, who campaigned loudly as "champions of Labor," do you "blow your top" when they go right down the line with the anti-labor forces on every bit of labor and civil liberties legislation?

Then, follow closely in the pages of the WESTERN WORKER the development of the fight for INDEPENDENT POLITICAL ACTION on the part of Labor and the forces of peace and progress.

Read for yourself what it means to workers to have as their representative in administration, men chosen and backed by Labor of the Minnesota Farmer-Labor Gov. Benson, who cheered two hundred odd workers when they staged a sitdown in the State Capitol in demand of an adequate relief fund. "Well done," Benson told them upon passage of the relief bill. **Across the border a Democratic governor ordered tear gas in place of relief.**

Supplementing the WESTERN WORKER, with even more detailed reportage of national and international events translated from a workingclass view, is the Daily Worker and the Sunday Worker. Every maritime worker who is wide awake—every maritime worker who is not yet awake—should read faithfully these working class papers—should subscribe to them.

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With you, brother maritime worker, more than any other group of workers, lies the responsibility of leading the rest of the people of our State along the road to peace, progress and prosperity—your road chart is as ever, the WESTERN WORKER. Consult it faithfully and regularly. You cannot falter in your splendid leadership at this hour when the struggle is becoming ever sharper. SUBSCRIBE TO THE WESTERN WORKER NOW!

2000 AT HUGE STEEL RALLY

CIO Power Admitted By Authorities

PITTSBURG (Contra Costa County)—Two thousand Columbia steel employes attended and cheered at a CIO Amalgamated Assn. rally held in the Pittsburg City Park.

The reactionary city officials, seeing the trend of labor here, hastened to grant the union use of the park.

2000 Out of 2600 in A.A.

Among those addressing the steel workers were International representative Stauffer of the Typographical Union; R.E. Shipoe, Pacific Coast organizer of the United Electrical and Radio Workers Union; Pat Lydon, CIO organizer; William Dalrymple, West Coast field representative of the CIO.

Over 2000 out of 2600 Columbia Steel employes are now Amalgamated members. Even Sheriff Miller, who sees the strength of the CIO in this county, had to pledge his support to the unions in the future.

Salinas Blacklist Had Long Reach

SALINAS—Many of those Salinas shippers and growers and their agents who prate so much of "enforcing law and order" seem pretty hard to find when the law calls them up for the Labor Board hearings on the Salinas strike of last fall.

Pete Taylor, who was manager of the Grower-Shippers Assn. hiring hall is the latest of the empolyers' agents to have disappeared. A search is being made for him by the Labor Relations Board.

The Long Hand

Lettuce worker after lettuce worker told at the hearings of blacklisting since the strike. The blacklisting had been extended even as far as Imperial Valley and Arizona.

A foreman in El Centro told Jack Hart, "We've got the finger on you."

A.C. King, Oscar Rowe and Bill Redner told of similar experiences.

Strengthen Cal-Pack Picketing

OAKLAND — To show the world that their strike at nine East Bay California Packing plants is still very much solid, the Warehousemens Union and the Cannery Workers have gone in for increased picket lines.

The Warehousemens Union won a court victory when three members arrested in a clash at Cal-Pack Alameda plant on March 8 were acquitted by a jury in Police Judge Knox's court in Alameda. The three are Joe Coliacicco, Alvin Whitaker and George Pennewell. A new trial will be set for Joseph Debello.

ADDITIONAL STAY

NEW YORK — An additional stay of deportation, until July 30, has been granted to Carl Ohm, anti-Nazi refugee from Hitlerism.

Mussolini Plotted Overthrow of Spain Government in 1934

COMRADES OF GRAMSCI PAY HIM TRIBUTE

Career Outlined by International C.P. Leaders

MOSCOW—Leaders of the Italian Communist Party and of the Communist International paid tribute to the memory of Antonio Gramsci, Italian Communist leader who died under police guard May 27 in Rome.

Gramsci's death was a fascist murder, prolonged over the years since he was arrested in 1926, followed by the passage of a retroactive law under which he was convicted and sentenced.

He was only 46 years old at the time of his death.

"This murder was slowly prepared by Mussolini through eleven years of indescribable physical and moral tortures which lifted Gramsci to the heights of the greatest martyrs in the history of mankind," said the statement of the Italian party leaders.

Worst Crime

"This is the worst crime committed by fascist Italy. . .

"Our party is raising still higher the banner of Gramsci, the banner of freedom and socialism. Gramsci, the greatest Italian of our century, symbolizes by his sacrifice the innumerable sacrifices of the sons of our people on all the fighting fronts—Italy, Spain, the penitentiary and exile. . ."

The statement was signed by Ercoli, Maribini, Farini, Leone, Germanetto, Lovera, Vigna, Neri Robotti, Ferina, Pastore, Montagnana, Rita, Maltagliati, and Menotti.

In this tribute to Gramsci, his comrades-in-arms of the Communist International reviewed his role in the development of the Communist Party of Italy, in the struggle on behalf of the Italian working class. They also denounced the criminal Mussolini for his murder.

Helped Establish C. P.

"As the head of the group 'Ordina Nuovo,'" said their statement, "Gramsci played a primary role in the struggle against reformism and centrism (Serrati) in Italy, and the establishment of a Communist Party of Italy.

"In 1921 Gramsci, as a member of the Central Committee of the party, began a struggle against the opportunist ultra-left trend personified by Bordigha, who today occupies the position of counter-revolutionary Trotzkyism and lives peacefully in Italy under the wing of the fascist police and in good accord with them.

"In the struggle against ultra-left opportunism, Gramsci busied himself with a profound study of the problems of strategy and tactics of the proletarian revolution in Italy.

Matteoti's Death

"During the crisis caused by the murder of the Socialist Matteoti by the fascists, Gramsci ably directed the policy of the party, which centered its main fire against fascism, but at the same time also fought against those wavering elements of the democratic petty-bourgeoisie who capitulated to fascism out of fear of the developing mass movement. . .

"Gramsci was arrested in Rome in the autumn of 1926, despite parliamentary immunity, at a time when he was preparing a declaration of the Communist fraction in parliament against the fascist extraordinary decrees. . .

"The name of Gramsci will always be engraved in the memories of all those who love liberty and peace. The example of his militant life will inspire millions of people to struggle for the invincible cause of the working class and socialism."

Women Win Vote In Philippines

MANILA, P. I.—Women of the Philippine Islands won the right to vote in a national plebiscite in which partial returns indicated that 400,000 women cast their votes.

The plebiscite was arranged according to the terms of the constitution of the Commonwealth, wherein women are to be given voting right providing a minimum of 300,000 would express their desire for it.

Men did not participate in the voting. A previous plebiscite had failed of the necessary minimum.

The obstacle faced by the proponents of woman suffrage were chiefly the three-century-old traditions which have excluded women from participating in political and social affairs.

PASS IT ON!

When you get through reading this issue, pass the copy on to your fellow worker. Then ask him to subscribe so he'll get it regularly.

Rest and Culture in Soviet Asia



ENTRANCE TO a pavillion of the Park of Culture and Rest in Tashkent, capital of the distant Uzbek republic in Soviet Central Asia. Here the national groups were kept in terror and ignorance under the czars; Socialism has brought them freedom.

San Fernando Is Active

Throws Challenge in Sub Drive

LOS ANGELES—It is beginning to look as if the comrades in San Fernando Section do "know how to do it."

At least, William Sherwood, member of that Section, thinks he knows how. Last Saturday, May 1, he burst forth with a challenge to anyone in Los Angeles County to get more subs than he does in the Western Worker Sub Drive!

With Sherwood in the field now, Paul Cline had better get busy with his fifteen subs. And what about Emil Freed? And Comrade Lair? They, and comrades Halkness and Shrier all accepted Cline's challenge to get fifteen yearly subs.

They'd better start turning them in; because Sherwood is "out to win"!

New Unions Form In Stockton

By a Worker Correspondent

STOCKTON—Six new charters were obtained here recently, namely Maritime Office Workers, with 20 members to start with; Service Station Operators, 35 members; Typists, Bookkeepers, Stenographers and Assistants union, 40 members; Box Makers Union, 40 members; Carpenters Subsidiary local at Lodi, 20 members; Cement Finishers, 20 members.

Unionization of Stockton is going in full blast.

Field Workers Organizing

The field workers are now going out to work with very low pay, but they will take some action soon to better their condition, through the Agricultural Workers Union, Local 20,221.

The Inspector of the Housing and Immigration Commission had the owner and contractor of Camp No. 12 at Jones tract, arrested and fined $200 for the dirty camp he had.

We are determined to do all in our power to improve conditions for the workers, in spite of what reactionary Col. Garrison says.

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'Eat Less Fats' 'Save Used Coffee' Nazi 'Benefits'

BERLIN—While Nazi arms' costs rise and Hitler sponsors the death-dealing drive against the Basque people, slogans of another sort attain greater and greater prominence in German life.

"Eat less fat" is urged daily in papers, newsreels and on display graphs.

For What Cause

"Save your coffee grounds," is another slogan showing part of the price the German people are paying for the war plans of Hitler.

"Eat fruit preserves instead of butter," is still another, as the Nazis invent new substitutes and attempt to introduce new sources of cheap vegetable fats to replace what German credit under Nazism cannot procure abroad.

Multiples

Germans are told to eat more fish, because there is less meat. Housewives claim that even such butter as they can obtain is adulterated, that sugar sweetens less, that cleaning materials take the skin off their hands, that starch is hard to get, that cake is poor in quality, and that all of them cost more than formerly.

London Bus Strike May Continue Into Coronation Week

LONDON—Prospects of London's bus transportation being tied up during coronation week were indicated here as government conciliators failed to get any concession from bus owners nor to persuade the workers to give up their demands for improved wages and hours.

A three-man conciliation board, appointed by the minister of labor, is scheduled now to hear the strikers' demands and report Friday. Unless this commission proposes concessions to strikers, the tieup is expected to extend into coronation time.

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ALLIANCE IN FIGHT AGAINST FORCED LABOR

Southern Pacific is Worst Offender On WPA Work

SAN FRANCISCO—The Workers' Alliance is considering a campaign to be directed against the State Relief Administration in San Francisco to put a stop to the sending of inexperienced Mexicans and others from the relief rolls to jobs on the Southern Pacific as section hands. There they receive only 37c an hour and are compelled to buy their clothing and supplies from the Threlkeld Commissary Company, which holds them in bondage for debt.

As in the case of the Alaska Cannery Workers, before they formed their own union, the section hands on the S. P. are victims of this grafting commissary system. Many are discharged at the end of a month without a cent coming to them. The Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Men, railroad union, states that it has no jurisdiction until the men have been on the job for thirty days.

Marine Unions in Agreement

The relief committee of the Maritime Federation, District Council No. 2, has reached an agreement with the State Relief Administration that it will not force men from the maritime unions into such slavery on the Southern Pacific, and the WPA administration has adopted a policy that a man will not be separated from WPA for refusing to accept work under these conditions.

The Workers' Alliance will demand that no worker shall be separated from SRA rolls for refusing to work under coolie conditions of labor.

The Workers Alliance of San Francisco County submitted to the State Relief Commission at their last public hearing on April 24, a statement of policy for their consideration; that no person be denied direct relief for refusal to accept private employment at hourly rates or at a monthly income less than that established by WPA for the same class of work in the locality.

It was pointed out to the Commission that the Relief Administration was being used by the Southern Pacific as an employment agency to comb the relief rolls for any Mexicans or other laborers to be trapped or intimidated into such forced labor.

It is contrary to the policy of the Workers Alliance to permit any discrimination against foreign-born workers by the SRA or WPA authorities. Workers who want to support the campaign of the Workers Alliance should write letters to Assemblyman Elmer Lore, Sacramento, chairman of the Assembly committee for Social Welfare, asking that he investigate the policies and actions of the State Relief Administration.

Catholics are Invited to S.F. Sunday Forum

SAN FRANCISCO — Special emphasis on the Communist position on religion will be given in a talk by Dr. Edward Livingston at the Sunday Evening Forum, May 9, at 8 p.m., at 121 Haight Street.

Catholic people, who have been summoned by Knights of Columbus officials to an "anti-communist crusade," are especially urged to be present.

Arranged to Give Arms and Money To Monarchists

Documents Exposing Plot Found in Spanish Monarchists' Headquarters and in Italian Consulates in Spain

PARIS—Premier Mussolini of Italy plotted with Spanish monarchists as early as March 31, 1934, to organize an insurrection against the Spanish Republic, even at a time when it was led by the reactionary cabinet of Alexander Lerroux.

He participated in a conference in which he gave a pledge of support to the overthrow of the republic, the establishment of a regency and the eventual restoration of the monarchy.

He announced his willingness in this conference of large quantities of rifles, hand grenades and machine guns and 1,500,000 pesetas in cash as a "preliminary" with more to follow when "circumstances render it necessary."

Abolishes "Excuse"

This sensational information, which further smashes the fascist justification tha tits invasion of Spain is to "save Spain from Communism," came with the exposure of a document captured in a monarchist headquarters in Madrid. It is part of a series of documents uncovered in the files of monarchist leaders and of Italian consulates in Madrid and Barcelona showing that Mussolini was engaged in promoting military rebellion against the Spanish Republic for years before the present fascist insurrection and invasion began.

All these documents were scheduled to be presented before the council of the League of Nations on May 24, but were found and published by newspaper correspondents in advance.

Writing Identified

The main document was written on the stationery of the Hotel Quirinal in Rome. Handwriting experts testify that it is in the writing of Antonio Giocoechea, ex-minister of the Spanish crown. This worthy cites his collaboration with General Barrera, supporter of ex-dictator Primo de Rivera, in an interview with Mussolini and Marshal Italo Balbo.

The document is as follows:

"We, the undersigned, Lieutenant Don Emilio Verrea in his own name, and Don Rafael Olsaeval and Don Lizarza in the representation of the Traditionals Community (Carlist Party), and Don Antonio Giocoechea as chief of the Renovacion Espanola party (Alfonsist supporters), subscribed to the following to put on record what transcribed in the interview which took place at 4 o'clock on the afternoon of today, March 31, 1934, with the chief of the Italian government, Signor Mussolini, together with Marco Italo Balbo.

Informed in Detail

"After being informed in detail by answers to his question by each of those present on the Spanish political situation and on the aspiration and status of the army and navy and the two monarchist parties the Prime Minister declared the following:

"First, that he was disposed to give the necessary assistance and means to both parties of the opposition to the regime existing in Spain in the task of overthrowing it and replacing it with a regency which would prepare the complete restoration of the monarchy. This declaration was solemnly repeated by Signor Mussolini three times. It was received by those present with the natural expression of esteem and gratitude.

"Secondly, that as a practical demonstration and proof of this intention he was disposed to contribute immediately 25,000 rifles, 20,000 hand grenades, 200 machine guns and 1,500,000 pesetas in cash.

"Third, that such aid is only preliminary in character and will be followed up opportunely with more and still greater assistance in the measure in which the work done justifies it and circumstances render it necessary.

Dividing Spoils

"Those present agreed that for payment of the sum above mentioned, Don Rafael Olazabal will serve as representative of the two parties and will take over such funds and place them in Spain at the joint disposition of the two chiefs of the parties, Conde de Rodezno and Don Antonio Giocoechia, to be divided between the two of them when and how they may decide.

"In the same way it was agreed that for distribution of this first gift of arms the chiefs above mentioned will give the necessary orders as to the quantities to be given to each group and for their transportation to Spain.

"Rome, March 31, 1934."

DIFFERENT FROM U. S.

MOSCOW—Robbers, pickpockets., etc., to the number of 365, have voluntarily surrendered to the Soviet militia. The central trade unions have already placed 71 on jobs, sent 22 to learn trades while serving out sentences, and given loans to many.

CLINE SHOWS UP MASK OF TROTZKYITES

One of Latter's Little Tricks in L. A. Exposed

LOS ANGELES—Tremendous applause greeted the statement of Paul Cline, County Organizer of the Communist Party, "to shun like the plague" Trotzkyites who were distributing a leaflet signed by the Socialist Party, at the Plaza May 1, Branch Central Local, Los Angeles.

"This circular shames the name of the organization attached to it, and is discrediting to the honorable name of the Socialist Party and Socialism," declared Cline.

"This leaflet is being distributed by people who are using the name of the Socialist Party and in it the statement is made in reference to the People's Front that the "People's Front is the road of defeat."

"I say we should handle such treachery by people of this kind, who are Trotzkyites, by driving them from every place where progressives are.

"We should shun these people like the plague. Their entire activity is detrimental to the labor movement and we have seen this expressed in the wrecking and spying activities in the Soviet Union."

USSR TO STOP AIRPLANE LINE TO GERMANY

MOSCOW—Upon conclusion of present agreements, regular commercial air lines between Germany and the USSR will be stopped as a result of a decision of the central administration of the Soviet air fleet.

Lufthansa, the German company which collaborated on present air service, has been notified to this effect.

Soviet trade with Germany has steadily and heavily declined since 1933.

PRAVDA URGES IMPROVING OF U. S. A. TRADING

Yearly Total Grows; Ask Removal of Barriers

MOSCOW—Pravda, organ of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, urged the removal of the remaining trade barriers between the United States and the U.S.S.R., taking occasion by the reprinting of statements by Secretary of State Cordell Hull and People's Commissar of Foreign Trade, A.P. Rosengoltz.

Summarizing the present trade relations, Pravda pointed out that the Soviet Union exported $20,500,000 worth of goods to the U.S. in 1936, as against $17,800,000 in 1935. Main articles were furs, anthracite, manganese ore, asbestos, flax and linen.

The U.S. exported to the U.S.S.R. in 1936 products valued at $33,400,000 as against $24,700,000 in 1935. Main articles were machines, oil, rolling lathes, electron radio tubes and other wireless equipment.

Pravda's editorial declared further:

"The trade agreement of July 13, 1935, helping to stabilize relations between the U.S.S.R. and the U.S.A. and facilitating the trade turnover between them, did not, however, fully liquidate the difficulties which stand in the way of completely favorable developments of Soviet-American economic collaboration.

"In particular, the export of Soviet anthracite to the United States continues to be taxed with a high duty, while the United States had freed other countries —England, Belgium and Holland —from duty on anthracite. The levying of this duty negatively affects the interests of Soviet-American trade."

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Stop the drive of fascism, which is a drive to a new world war!

An Ounce of Prevention

THE VITAL necessity for organized labor to keep a watchful eye open and play an important part of its own in politics is well illustrated by some measures now pending in the California legislature.

The Biggar Bill, passed by the Senate, now before the Assembly, would outlaw sitdown strikes (and by precedent all strikes), while at the same time it would set up an Industrial Court which would mean compulsory arbitration and bring fascism a step nearer, in that control of labor unions by the state government would be established.

Since the chances for the Biggar Bill in the Assembly seem none to rosy, open shoppers are placing their bets on the Crittenden Bill, which in a less open form would mean compulsory arbitration. Labor has time and again made it plain that compulsory arbitration is strictly out as far as it is concerned. Even Ed Vandeleur, who at first supported the Crittenden Bill, now has to feebly oppose it, at least publicly.

Pending also are the Knowland Bill, which would prosecute those "interfering with the supply of food" (the Bill is aimed at strikes of dock workers, teamsters, food workers, etc.), and the Parkman Bill, also aimed at outlawing sitdown strikes.

All of these would infringe on labor's rights, and if allowed to become law would go a long way toward crushing the trade union movement.

Every union and every progressive organization and individual can help prevent passage of these bills by getting in touch with the legislators from their district, calling on them to vote against the bills we have mentioned.

And remember—Farmer-Labor legislators would never introduce such bills. Their bills would aim at protecting labor's rights.

CORRECTION

IN THE Monday, May 3, issue of the Western Worker, on Page 4, a typographical error changed the meaning of a sentence in the editorial headed: "Full Support to Alameda Central Labor Council." It read: ". . . the entire labor movement of California must take independent action to protect Green's action!" It should have read: ". . . the entire labor movement of California must take independent action to PROTEST Green's action!"

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If you don't think there are thousands of workers just waiting for the chance to subscribe, if you don't think it's easy to get new readers—just write this Alameda unit, care of the W. W., and we'll see that you get a personal answer from the unit.

What this unit has discovered—that it's easy to get new readers—every Communist Party unit in the state can discover. The drive for 2500 new readers by July 4th could go over the top by June 4th, if every Party unit follows the Alameda example. And by July 4th, the "Western" could have 5000 new readers at this pace!

The Alameda unit will accept a challenge from any other unit in the state, and says, "We don't care how tough you make it."

Don't let this challenge go begging!

Those Shackles Are Meant for You Too

ON MAY 25th the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries will hold a public hearing on what is known as the Bland Maritime Labor Bill.

(In the Senate the Guffey Ship Labor Act is the Bland Bill's equivalent.)

The Bland and the Guffey Bills would create bodies known as "Maritime Adjustment Boards" with authority to settle any maritime labor disputes connected with interpretation of agreements. All disputes which the Adjustment Boards cannot settle must go to the Board of Mediation, created by the Railway Labor Act of 1926.

In addition, the two bills provide that all employe representatives must be native born or fully naturalized U. S. citizens. (This provision dictates to the unions whom they may choose as their leaders.)

The first two provisions we have listed mean compulsory arbitration, and in effect prohibition of maritime strikes. It is sufficient to look at the past 15 years of the railroad industry under the Railroad Labor Board and Act to see what the Guffey and Bland Bills mean.

The railroad workers took wage cuts totalling 25 per cent, lost over half a million to the ranks of the unemployed, stood for speed-up innovations too numerous to mention—and under the Railway Labor Act could do nothing about it. That is why the capitalist press praises it so highly, and advocates its extension to the maritime industry.

Setting up of such a law for the maritime industry would only mean that every industry will soon after be weighted with a similar ball and chain.

It therefore devolves upon all union bodies as well as those in the maritime industry to send protests against the Guffey and Bland Bills to the House Committee mentioned above and to your Congressmen and Senators in Washington.

Japanese and Chinese People Join in Rebuke to Militarism

THE JAPANESE people, in company with their down-trodden Chinese brothers in Manchuria, are moving into the front ranks of the world-wide struggle against fascist militarism.

In Japan the voters overwhelmingly rejected the war-provoking policies which are behind the Hayashi cabinet, which threatened to abolish even the limited democratic rights of the people, exercised through the present Japanese parliament. They rejected, in effect, the campaigns by which the Japanese military has despoiled Manchuria to the misery of both the Chinese and Japanese masses.

Almost simultaneously the people of Manchuria arose in such a widespread revolt against the Japanese army of occupation that news of it could not be entirely suppressed.

Repercussions of this double rebuke will resound through every citadel of imperialism and fascist reaction. It is the answer of the Chinese and Japanese people to the German-Japan "anti-Communist" pact aimed at the Soviet Union. It is a warning to Hitler and Mussolini in their criminal campaign in Spain.

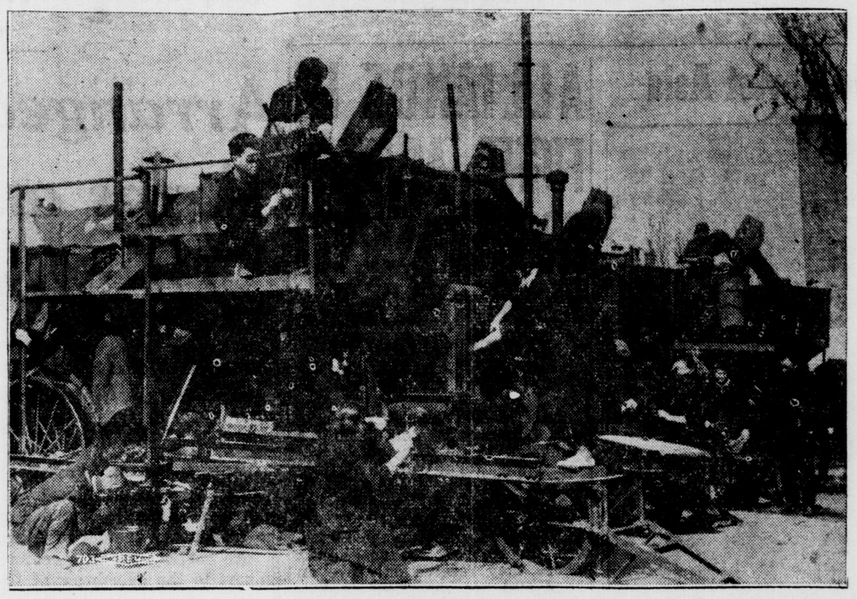
The Hayashi cabinet had already threatened another dissolution of the Diet if its program was not approved. When the rebuke was overwhelming it renounced this threat, but still refuses to resign.

The mass struggle in Japan and China will continue, and find greater unity.

Correction

IN THE editorial in the last issue headed "Nazis Attack Catholic Priests," some words were omitted in the concluding paragraph which made the meaning of the paragraph opposite to what was intended. The sentence should have read, "If the Knights of Columbus and other Catholic organizations wished to serve the interests of their followers, they could do so by launching a crusade against FASCISM AND REACTION INSTEAD OF TRYING TO WHIP UP A CAMPAIGN AGAINST Communism." The capitalized words were omitted in the editorial as it was printed.

Where the Future Is Assured for the Youth



STUDENTS AT a school for combine tractor operators in Feodosia, Soviet Crimea, engage in practical lessons. USSR is building 55,000 new combines in 1937.

Stalin Shows How Party Building Can Be Speeded

By F. BROWN

The Special Conference of District Organizers, which met on Feb. 22, decided to initiate a new drive for 20,000 additional Party members on May 1. This calls for the full mobilization of the Party from top to bottom, not only to secure 20,000 new members by October, but at the same time, by increased education and activity of the whole Party, to retain in its ranks the entire registered membership.

At a time when millions of workers are streaming into the unions, when, under the pressure of the masses, the bourgeoisie are forced to make concessions, to recognize the trade unions; at a time when the masses are not only fighting for the recognition of their unions, but demand that their democratic rights be respected and extended, our Party should not lag behind nor can it be satisfied with maintaining the positions won in the last few years.

The example of California and of other districts in the last recruiting drive, the splendid activities of the Party in the union organization drives, show us that there are tremendous possibilities before us, and that there is no excuse for not building the Party.

We will build the Party, we will continue to be one of the main forces in building the unions, in mobilizing the masses in the struggle for industrial unionism, for democracy, by coming forward more boldly as the Party of the working class by showing through concrete actions the position of the Party in the various problems confronting the masses. We must overcome the weaknesses of the past months when hundreds, yes thousands, of our comrades did splendid work in building the unions, in mobilizing and guiding the masses in struggle, but where, in many instances, the Party, as such, did not appear substantially before the masses.

It is not enough to speak to the masses day by day, through the Daily Worker—which does not reach millions; we must reach the millions by developing the independent activities of the leading committees on a state and section scale, by mobilizing the lower organizations and spreading the Daily Worker and Sunday Worker. Besides speaking to the masses through the main Party press, we must speak to them through shop papers, neighborhood papers, leaflets, mass meetings and every means of agitation and propaganda at our disposal.

Leading Forces

To make this possible, it is necessary first of all to mobilize the whole Party to become an active distributing agency of the Daily and Sunday Worker, of leaflets and shop papers. This calls for the utmost attention to the lower organizations, for the assignment of leading forces below.

The growing political understanding of the masses is proven by the splendid response to the campaign in support of the struggle for Spanish democracy wherever some effort has been made. But here again we lag behind. While the masses are ready for the greatest sacrifice, as is shown by the thousands of American workers who are making their way to Spain, by the collections of food, clothing and money; while as in the case of Canton, over $15,000 was collected by the workers in the last four or five months to aid the struggle of the People's Front in Spain, the Party as a whole did not react with sufficient energy to the fascist invasion of Spain.

Comrade Stalin's report to the Plenum of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, delivered March 3, in outlining the tasks of the Party, stated:

"First and foremost, the attention of our Party comrades who get 'bogged' on current questions in one department or another must be turned toward the big political questions of both international and internal character.

While this is applied primarily to the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, it fits 100 per cent in our case. In general, the lower organizations of the Party do not fully develop their own initiative in carrying out the main political campaigns of the Party, as, for example, May First, the Supreme Court, in support of Spanish democracy, in the sphere of their own local activity. There is very little initiative to take the lead in local struggles, to differentiate before the masses our position compared with the position of the bourgeois parties on various political problems.

More Understanding

There is not sufficient effort being made to reach the rank and file of the Socialist Party, to expose the counter-revolutionary Trotzkyites as enemies of the labor movement, to build united front movements of all kinds of local issues, to popularize further the necessity of the People's Front, to be the driving force in all these movements and strengthen the Party ranks by drawing in the best and militant workers. This shows that the problem of raising the understanding of the Party on state, local, national and international political problems is of the utmost importance.

Yes, it is our task to draw the Socialists, the trade unionists, the liberals, into all kinds of united front activity, with the aim of leading all the united front movements toward the People's Front. At the same time, however, the Party must show its face, must be the initiator of these actions, must be the driving force in these movements.

Is it possible to recruit 20,000 new members to our Party by October? It can be done. It must be done. With our past experiences, with the experience of the rank and file shock-brigaders of California at our disposal, we have a good basis for working out our plans. There is no need for special directives on details. What is needed is:

1. To put the whole Party on its feet;to raise its consciousness to necessity of building the Party, of bringing every Party member into activity. THIS REQUIRES INTENSIVE DISCUSSION, EDUCATION, CONTINUOUS GUIDANCE AND HELP TO THE FORCES BELOW.

2. To strengthen our agitation, bringing our position on the various problems confronting the masses to the widest strata of workers in the factories, the farmers, the petty bourgeois masses in the cities.

3. To assign forces to the weaker organizations for the purpose of improving the activities of the unit buros, thus improving the life and activities of the lower organizations.

4. To strengthen the Party apparatus and build recruiting drive committees which will guide the activities of the Party in the recruiting drive day by day.

5. To call mass meeting by the Party on various issues; central mass meetings; mass meetings called by units; meetings in small towns to lay the basis for building the party.

6. To make the state and section committees, the unit buros, responsible for carrying out this high political task—the building of the Party.

7. To realize that the recruiting drive, that all the political activities before the Party, will be carried out to the extent that the leading committees will not only guide and check on the activities of the lower organizations, but will exercise continuous control upon themselves.

The leading committees of our Party are mature enough to understand fully the significance of the tasks assigned by Comrade Stalin to the Communist Party of the Soviet Union, many of which apply 100 per cent to our Party as well, especially:

1. The raising of political understanding of both international and national problems.

2. Intensified education of the Party cadres, development of new cadres;

3. Greater regard for the democratic forms of our Party.

'STALIN MONTH' IN SAN FRANCISCO

"Mastering Bolshevism" will be the primary concern of every San Francisco Communist during May. The entire month has been proclaimed as "Stalin Month" by the County Committee—a period of lively, organized collective discussion of Stalin's brilliant speech and summary at the Plenum of the Central Committee of the C.P.S.U.

The significance to us of this material, dealing with the shortcomings of Party work and the measures necessary for liquidation of Trotzkyites, warrants its intensive study by our full membership.

Mastering Bolshevism

Discussion will be opened at a county-wide functionaries meeting on May 12, to be attended by all county, section, branch and unit officers. The week beginning Thursday, May 13, will be devoted to a complete reading of "Mastering Bolshevism" in all units and branches—thus insuring that every Party member becomes thoroughly acquanted with the report.

Thus, we will have laid the basis for the section membership meetings, in the week of May 20; street units and branches will meet together, the Waterfront, Industrial and Professional Sections will arrange their own gatherings. While this series of membership meeting will deal with the opening speech of Stalin, the following week will see the final discussion in units and branches, based primarily on Stalin's Summary and its application to local Party problems.

Comrades active in mass work will have additional opportunities for studying the report in light of their activities, both at enlarged trade union fraction meetings, and at the fraction of the unemployed and WPA workers.

Carrying out the slogan, "A "Copy of Mastering Bolshevism for Every Party Member," is the first step in opening up "Stalin Month." The County Committee is confident that a month of spirited discussions on this historic document will result in a more alert, more vigilant and politically conscious Communist Party in San Francisco.

Palo Alto Fight On Solicit Ban

PALO ALTO—A public meeting in protest against the proposed city ordinance outlawing soliciting and selling from door to door in the residential districts by both local and non-resident canvassers was held in the reception room of the Community Center here last Monday.

The meeting was under arrangement of local people who are fighting the measure because they regard it as detrimental to local activities, both labor and business.

Stanley Pearce was chairman. Speakers included the Rev. George H. Whisler of the Presbyterian Church (and formerly of the Community Chest of San Francisco) and Mrs. Calvin P. Stone.

A municipal election on the ordinance is to be held Monday, May 11th. The Palo Alto council last Monday received a petition from 21 signatories asking that their names be withdrawn from the initiative measure demanding that the government board either pass without change the ordinance designed to ban soliciting, or submit the issue to the voters. The council took the latter course.

OPEN-SHOPPERS MENACE

WASHINGTON — The U. S. Chamber of Commerce, in convention, cheered attacks on the "New Deal" which observers declared sounded like Hitler's speeches in Germany in 1932.

AS WE SEE IT

By BILL SCHNEIDERMAN,
California State Secretary, Communist Party, U. S. A.

A Victory for Vigilantism and What to do About It

The rejection by the State Senate Labor and Capital Committee, Republican-controlled, of the Yorty Bill (Little Wagner Act), which would recognize the rights of labor in California to organize for collective bargaining through representatives of its own choice, not only for industrial workers but agricultural workers as well, is a victory for fascist vigilantism on the part of the big growers in their war against trade union organization of farm-labor.

It brings out sharply how the reactionary employer-banker interests of California have a strangle-hold on the Republican state administration and the State Senate, and openly defy the mandate of Labor and the people of California, with a cynical disregard for the most elementary democratic rights.

An Argument for Labor Party

It is the most powerful argument for the need of a Farmer-Labor party. This blow against labor should arouse the entire labor movement to see the need for organizing independent political action, in alliance with the small, exploited farmers, and all progressive forces in the state, and to start preparing now for the 1938 state elections to oust the reactionaries and elect labor and progressive representatives.

The reactionary legislators from the rural areas claim to speak for the farmers, but they actually represent the big growers, the vigilante "Associated Farmers," and the banker interests who exploit and rob the small and middle farmers as well as the workers.

This situation demands that labor take steps to build a firm alliance with the exploited farmers and their organizations, and join hands to fight against their common enemy. Such organizations as the Grange, the Farmers' Union, and the farmers' cooperatives must be drawn into the Farmer-Labor front on the political field, to challenge the hold that the so-called "Associated Farmers" and their reactionary colleagues have on the state administration and the Legislature.

The policy of Vandeleur and the whole reactionary leadership of the State Federation of Labor has received a damning indictment by their opposition to any effective political action by the labor and progressive forces, and by their feeble "lobbying" attempts to pass labor legislation.

They have not only rejected any attempt to utilize labor's power on the political field through independent political action, but they have refused to take any steps to develop mass pressure upon the Legislature to force the adoption of labor's most vital bills.

Vandeleur Stands Condemned

The California People's Legislative Conference could become a powerful instrument of mass pressure, if it had the support of the State Federation of Labor. Instead, Vandeleur, not daring to oppose it openly, has given the Legislative Conference only the most half-hearted cooperation and lip-service, and thus by his do-nothing policy made possible the flagrant flaunting of the people's will by reactionary State Senators and Assemblymen.

Vandeleur stands condemned and must share the responsibility for the defeat of the Yorty Bill and other vital labor and progressive legislation, while the anti-labor legislation such as the Crittenden and Biggar Bills, and others, still hangs dangerously over the heads of the California labor movement.

Against great odds, a small but militant minority of progressive Assemblymen have carried on a determined fight for social legislation, and for the support of the program advocated by the California People's Legislative Conference, with the support of large sections of the labor movement.

Their fight is only an example of how much more could be accomplished by organized, independent political action by the labor and progressive forces, including the progressive groups within the Democratic Party. It is high time that the progressive forces in the trade union movement in California got together with the genuine progressives in the Legislature to prepare an effective program for the 1938 elections.

HEARINGS ON LUMBER TRUST

SAN FRANCISCO — Federal Trade Commission hearings have begun in the Federal Grand Jury rom here on charges that the California Lumbermen's Council and its five branches form a monopoly. It is charged the Council increases prices and maintains its grip through boycotts of sawmills and dealers.

CIO Dairy Union Speeds in L.A.

LOS ANGELES—With locals established in Hynes, Van Nuys, and El Monte, major organizational gains have been made in the past few weeks as a result of the drive carried on by the Dairy Workers' Union, an affiliate to the Committee for Industrial Organization, E. A. Kope, union organizer, declared last week.

Up to the present time, said Kope, more than 1,700 workers have applied for membership. In the Hynes' local, there are about 750 members. Representatives of the union have been established in every dairy plant in the county with authorization to accept applications for joining.

According to plans of the union leaders, locals will soon be set up in all major plants.

William Dalrymple, west coast representative of the CIO, and field director for the Steel Workers' Organizing Committee, has pledged his full support to the Dairy Workers' Union.

Offices of the union are in Room 338, San Fernando Building, 406 South Main Street.

Say Strikers are Still Empolyes

SAN FRANCISCO—Contention by Labor Board lawyers Levy and Somers that a striker is still an employe of the company under the Wagner Act seemed on Wednesday to amaze U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals Judges Wilbur, Denman and Haney.

The lawyers' argument came in the case of the Carlise Lumber Co. of Unalaska, which is fighting the Labor' Board decision for recognition of the Lumber and Sawmill Workers Union.

The lawyers persisted in their opinion despite repeated questioning by the judges.

Union Pickets Shop

SAN BERNARDINO — When the plant manager refused to reinstate May Walker, dismissed for union activities, the new Cleaners & Dyers Union here resumed picketing in front of the Star Clenaers, Inc. The union is demanding recognition of the workers' rights under the Wagner Labor Act to organize.

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PETALUMA UNIONIZING DRIVE WINS IMPORTANT VICTORIES AS OPEN-SHOPPERS FOLD UP

Petaluma Box Corp. and McNear Co. Give In to Unions; Aims of Unions Need Publicity to Safeguard Gains

By a Worker Correspondent

PETALUMA, Sonoma County—The successful organization of the working population in this area is rapidly becoming an established fact. A number of important victories have been won.

The workers at Petaluma Box Corp. joined the Carpenters and Joiners of America. The management of Petaluma Box, who had run this place on the open-shop plan for years, were forced to reverse their position in regard to unionization. This was a result of the exposure of their anti-union past and the pressure brought to bear by union workers in plants using their products.

Company Backed Water

This vicinity added another line to the handwriting on the wall, so last week another holdout bowed meekly before the court of public opinion. G. P. McNear Co., which three weeks ago was circulating a Henry Ford-ian stand of, "I'll close up before I'll allow a union in my plant," advised their workers to join the union.

These and other victories were possible because of the decisive character of the organizational forces carrying on the campaign for unionization.

Without minimizing the importance of these gains, it must be pointed out that they are not complete victories within themselves and that the ease with which they were won indicates the likelihood of an intrigue by the bosses to try to maneuver the unions into a position where public support can be alienated and the unions smashed.

Publicize Union Aims

A publicity campaign conducted officially by the unions would tend, more than any other factor, to consolidate the workers' positions.

The bosses, while granting the workers the right to organize and even expressing themselves as favoring unionization, are wooing the farmer with demagogy through the Associated Farmers, a boss-controlled reactionary organization, which is on record as being opposed to unions.

The unions must publicize the position and aims of the unions, particularly in respect to the small farmers, in order to counteract the propaganda being spread by the Associated Farmers.

RIP SHEEPSKIN OF ASSOCIATED FARMER GANG

Reveal Robbing Hand Of Bank Against People

By a Farmer

PETALUMA, Sonoma County—The Sheepskin of respectability called the Associated Farmers is merely a camouflage to cover the vicious wolf of tyranny, oppression and greed which was revealed in all its nakedness two years ago by the vigilante trocities committed right here in Sonoma County.

Bank of America's Robbing Hand

Organized by California Lands Inc. (a subsidiary of Bank of America) and such farmers as Sam Sebastians', Grace Bros., G. P. McNear, etc., working through cheap politicians of the R. J. McClain type and wealthy industrial farmers such as Bernard Groverman, the Associated Farmers is designed to protect, defend and further the interests of the landlords and profiteers.

It cannot and does not function for the welfare of the small farmer who does his own work or most of it, and who in most cases is burdened down with a mortgage.

Their promises of aid to the farmer are so much demagogy. They only aid and only intend to aid a certain very small select few of the farmers—the rich farmers.

Workers and Farmers Need United Efforts

Their tactic is to blame the farmers' ills upon the workers, trying to precipitate a fight between the oppressed toiling farmer and the poverty-stricken worker, in order to exploit both. Divide and rule, is their philosophy.

Their cry of roving bands of "Communist agitators" is an effort to scare enough people to get a following. This is a rather accurate gauge as to the depth of their mentality. Its nearest analogy is the habitual alcoholic — pink elephants and little green snakes—they don't exist.

Just Try It

Any skeptic wishing to verify the above general analysis should draw up a resolution demanding cost of production or no rent payments for tenant farmers, and try to get it passed at an Associated Farmers meeting.

You're Invited to Fillmore Forum

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO—We want the Western Worker to tell the people in the Fillmore District about our swell elegant Forums. We have them every Tuesday night, 8 p. m., Franklin Hall on Fillmore St., top floor, rear hall.

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If you want to win Sub-getters' prizes in the "Western" Circulation Drive, here's how to do it: Send in a story from your factory, farm or neighborhood and order a bundle of the issue it appears in. Sell the copies on the basis of your story; then ask the readers to subscribe.

Why the Cannery Bosses Gave In



PHOTO SHOWS Stockton cannery workers as they picketed. It gives you an idea of the spirit that won for them.

Alaska Mining Co. Raises Pay Owing To Union Fear

By a Mine Worker

FAIRBANKS, Alaska—The F. E. Company, local branch of the U. S. Smelting, Mining and Refining Company, just a few days ago gave a few cents raise in wages.

It isn't that the company likes to do that, but the action of the union men in the States just about compelled them to raise wages here.

The Alaska Chamber of Commerce, in their publication, is bursting with enthusiasm about the wonderful opportunity for those coming to Alaska, but they don't say what sore of opportunity.

Nothing for Farmers

If you are a tourist in the summer time, you will see some beautiful scenery of all descriptions; in the winter you may see a lot of snow, or 65 below zero, or a bunch of caribou, moose or even buffalo wandering in the forest.

They also tell about farming, but if you're a farmer, you'd better go to a warmer climate to farm.

Trapping is overdone, so only prospecting is left, but it takes money to prospect. If a man has a few thousand dollars, he stands a good show in prospecting.

Monterey Has Its First May Day Celebration

By a Worker Correspondent

MONTEREY — A May Day Celebration was held here for the first time in the history of this city. The meeting, sponsored by the Cannery Workers Union and endorsed by the Monterey Central Labor Council, brought forward the three burning issues facing the workers of America.

Main speakers were Kasper Bauer, International Organizer of the Butchers Union; Dr. McGee and Mr. Howard.

The meeting was competing with several other programs which tended to keep the attendance to around 100 workers. However, those in attendance heard and understood the true meaning of May Day.

Free Tom Mooney!

One speaker mentioned Tom Mooney and his outstanding courage in spite of the 20 odd years the ruling class has caged him up like a wild animal. The real reasons why Tom Mooney was jailed were explained to the workers, that if the entire AFL acted in unity the master class would immediately free him.

The workers were asked to see that their local unions and Central Labor Councils help morally and financially to free this heroic fighter for the working class.

Labor Unity in Stockton

CARPENTERS' HEAD AGAINST PROGRESSIVES

Ryan Ousts Business Agent Dart as Progressive

By a Carpenter

SAN FRANCISCO — At the meeting of the Bay Counties District Council of Carpenters, Secretary Ryan laid down the law to the business agents in his report.

He stated, although he (Ryan) does not want any controversy and he recognized the fact that the local unions had the right to elect their own business agents, it must be understood that the business agents had to go along with him and the District Council.

Ryan Sounds Just Like President Hutcheson

It was therefore necessary, he said, to unseat Business Agent Vane Dart of Oakland on the ground that he associated with the Communists and the CIO and other progressive organizations, and did not go along with Mr. Ryan and his bunch.

Mr. Ryan's other report consisted of the nice dinner he had with the contracting bosses, and how friendly they were, and he seemed very anxious to please the contractors.

Nothing was said and done to the benefit of the working carpenters, who are paying Ryan's wages. Any progressive move for their benefit was vetoed by Mr. Ryan.

Hospital Workers Seek Pay Increase

By a Worker Correspondent

SAN FRANCISCO—The recently organized Hospital and Institutional Workers Union, with a membership of about 650, recently served Dr. J. C. Geiger, director of public health, and Charles M. Wollenberg, director of Laguna Honda, with demand for a minimum of $1.10 per month and time and a half for overtime.

Dr. Geiger refused on grounds they are "nothing but a bunch of porters, scrub-women, dietary maids, practical nurses and bedpan carriers."

MOSCOW—The Soviet Planning Commission has ordered production of 25,000,000 tons of peat for 1937.

Fascism Met Its Waterloo!

How the Stockton workers blocked the fascist-minded cannery owners, in concrete fighting against fascism, is told in this poem by a member of the Stockton Agricultural Workers Union, Local 20,221. On the morning of April 23, when the owners attempted to run scabs into the Stockton Food Products Co. plant on Waterloo Road, just outside Stockton, and attacked the union pickets with bullets and tear-gas, the union men stood solid. Odell is sheriff of San Joaquin County; Garrison is head of the vigilante Associated "Farmers"; St. Sure is attorney for the wealthy cannery owners. This poem was mimeographed by the union; the "Western is glad to reprint it.

By S. A. PAPPAS

Early in the morning of the twenty-third,
Stockton cannery workers assembled at the gates.
The 24-hour truces had already been deferred;
And before the cannery we met Odell and his mates.

Marching down the Road of Waterloo
Went our united union forces,
To prove to finks they could not do
The bidding of their bosses!

Colonel Garrison's thick-pated mutts were there
From Manteca, Lodi and other spots, of course,
With guns and other weapons of warfare,
Determined to open St. Sure's cannery by force.

With flaming guns and dirty deals,
They shot us workers down.
We held our lines against these heels
And many a fink did crown.

We gave their plans a royal boot
And sealed the gates in St. Sure's face,
So now we know their grass and fruit
Will make them set a different pace.

We workers pulled a heavy load
To do this thing we had to do;
And at the battle of Waterloo Road,
Fascism met its Waterloo!

FOUR-LEGGED CHICK BORN

By a Farmer's Wife

SANTA CRUZ—We have a four-legged white leghorn chick hatched two weeks ago. He is doing nicely and growing like a week. Where his tail ought to be normally, is an extra piece of flesh with the two extra legs attached. They are both normal except that one foot has two toes and one three. His tail is on the right side. It looks as if another tail is coming on the leg attachment.

NEW CANNERY UNION SET UP AGAINST SPLIT

Ed. Vandeleur Tried Split But Blocked By Workers

By an Agricultural Worker

STOCKTON — The Battle of Waterloo Road ended the Stockton cannery strike and started a judiciary dispute that threatened to disrupt the labor movement of San Joaquin Valley and separate the cannery workers of Stockton into two groups.

The Agricultural Workers Union organized the cannery workers and carried on their struggle for better wages and working conditions. After the battle was over, the fakers appeared upon the scene, led by Vandeleur, secretary of the State Federation of Labor.

"Innocent" Bosses!

At the beginning of the strike, about 150 workers who did not wish to join a union went through the picket lines. When they could no longer go into the plants to work, they formed a minority group and went to Sheriff Harvey Odell and demanded that he open the canneries so they could go back to work.

Of course the cannery owners, Canners League, the Chamber of Commerce and Associated Farmers did not know this—they were very busy at this time getting ready to promote peace and harmony in Stockton!

The Canners and Processors of California could not deal with the Agricultural Workers Union on their own terms, so they refused to deal with that union at all, but they were sure there were people in the State Federation of Labor and the local labor movement they could deal with. And it did not take long to find them.

They Led Scabs

They also found some so-called labor leaders in Modesto they could deal with. And with the help of these fakers they took these 150 scabs to Modesto and attempted to get a charter for cannery workers and name a Modesto cannery workers union as sole bargaining agency for San Joaquin County cannery workers.

This was a treacherous move and would have split the cannery workers into two groups, each claiming the minority and fighting for control. The Canners League would have been in position to refuse to recognizes either group and the organization of cannery workers would have been broken up.

The leaders of the Agricultural Workers Union saw this move and recognized the danger of a split. They did not trust Vandeleur, Fitzgerald of Stockton, or Nunally of Modesto. They believe that the only way to stop this attempt at disruption was to set up a Cannery Workers Union in Stockton under a federal charter.

Workers Agree on New Charter

At the union's regular business meeting, this was explained to the cannery workers and they agreed it was best to set up their own union. So a full set of officers was elected.

A resolution was drawn up demanding that the State Federation of Labor apply for a cannery workers charter for San Joaquin County, and that this minority group who were trying to obtain a charter in Modesto be transferred back to the San Joaquin County union. A collection of $15 was taken and the newly elected group of officers went to the Stockton Hotel where the State Federation executive board was in session, and demanded a charter. This was granted and the resolution presented was concurred in.

Vicious Lies Against ILA

Harry Bridges and Walter Mahaffey of Stockton had been fighting for days to have the charter placed in Stockton, without success, as the reactionaries were going along with the movement to split the cannery workers and place the charter in Modesto.

A story was started that a leader of the Agricultural Workers Union said that Vandeleur, Bridges and Mahaffey had sold the cannery workers out to the Canners League.

This story is absolutely untrue, as the Agricultural Workers Union officials and members respect and trust Bridges and Mahaffey, and would not mention the names of these two honest and courageous leaders in the same breath with a faker of Vandeleur's caliber.

DAIRY WORKERS BACK SUPREME CT. PROPOSAL

Hynes CIO Local Is Growing Fast With 750 Members

By a Dairy Worker

HYNES, L. A. County—The Dairy Workers Union, a CIO affiliate, is on the march down here. The Hynes local already counts approximately 750 members in its ranks. At their last big mass meeting, the union members passed the following resolution to President Roosevelt:

"We, 750 members of the Dairy Workers Union (CIO, Hynes Local), hereby unanimously endorse your proposal of changing the Supreme Court of the U. S. A. We appreciate what you have done for us and urge you to go ahead. We, too, have just begun to fight."

Copies of the above resolution were sent to President Roosevelt, Senator McAdoo and Congressman Byron Scott.

Upton Sinclair's Book on Madrid Widely Printed

One month after Upton Sinclair's publication of "No Pasaran, a Story of the Battle of Madrid," British publication has been arranged by Werner Laurie in London, and in translations in the Spanish language by Masas, Mexico City.

The government in Barcelona, Spain, is arranging translations in both Spanish and Catalan.

Other translations are in the German language by Malik in Prague, Czechoslovakia; Norwegian by Tiden Norsk, Oslo; Dutch by Servire, s'Gravenhage; French by Opera Mundi, Paris.

The novel is being published serially in Toronto and New Zealand. Yiddish translations are being prepared for serial publication in Philadelphia and New York, Bohemjan in Michigan, and Spanish in Mexico City.

IMPORTANT NOTICE IN NEXT ISSUE

Calling all worker correspondents! Watch next issue for announcement of big prize contest, for which all registered worker correspondents are eligible. If you are not registered, you can do so by sending in a story today.

Just another reminder—get in the big competition of sub-getters for the grand prizes being awarded!

FARMERS LIKE THE 'WESTERN'

By a Farmer's Wife

SANTA CRUZ—Am enclosing 50 cents to keep the paper coming. I will send 50 cents again tomorrow. That will fix it for three months more.

Worker Discusses Farmer-Labor Problems

By a Worker Correspondent

OGILBY, Imperial County — In your issue of April 19, under the caption, "Writer Raises Vital Farm-Labor Question," there is an interesting communication. It purported to be from a farm correspondent, but whether this was actually the case or whether the editor of the "Western Worker" saw a good opportunity to bring forward a topic for discussion, I do not know.

The article in question dealt with the very important issue of the development in this country of a Farmer-Labor Party and posed the query: "Can the economic interests of wage-workers and farmers be reconciled in the matter of creating a better social order?"

The farm correspondent briefly pointed out what he regarded as matters which were greatly at variance between these two groups, matters involving production by agriculturalists and consumption by the working masses. He asks that the "Western Worker" should "carry out a comprehensive survey" of this gigantic problem.

To do this would be a tremendous task for the "Western Worker." It would involve research work in the fields of agricultural statistics, of consumption by the masses, and of transportation.

As the editor has requested comment upon his matter, I will be glad to bring up a few points for discussion.

On Cooperatives

I have long believed that a measure of agricultural production cooperatives and the development of urban consumers' clubs, properly conducted and with the close attention demanded by any successful business, would help alleviate the harsh economic conditions of the masses in their struggle against the merciless profit-mongering of capitalists. True, under the capitalist system, these would only be palliatives but they would possess the advantages of strongly competing along many lines with corporate greed, and would serve to help train farmers and workers in problems of practical administration that might render efficient aid in periods of economic stress or in time of social transition.

I have read that when Russia, broken down by war, followed by revolution, was facing the terrible problem of reconstruction, the Russian cooperatives, mostly in opposition as they were to the revolution, were transformed by the revolutionary government into instruments of great value. They catered to the necessities of both farmers and wage-workers.

I have seen that, in the southern sections of the United States, where the economic conditions of both white and Negro sharecropper tenant farmers are desperate, under domination of a vicious agricultural absolutism, these two groups, under the lash of economic necessity, are forced together by organization. To this growing movement there should belong the support of southern wage-earners. Does this latter matter involve such a great change of front now, when at last the barriers of racial prejudice are being broken down in the struggle against a common enemy?

In Spain, do we not see the inspiring spectacle of peasants everywhere cooperating loyally with the government of Republican Spain, a force that fascist troops are compelled to reckon with on their flanks and in the rear? Under the stress of great emergency, the masses coalesce. Why then, the doubt that in capitalist United States political cooperation between exploited farmers and workers can be secured?

In "The New Republic" for November 18, 1936, there appeared an interesting article on "Consumer Cooperation and Labor," by Herbert A. Fierst. This article seemed to me to be an able, fair and brief summation of a survey of consumer cooperation.

C.P. Does Not Scoff at Cooperatives

Mr. Fierst says: "The small militantly radical section of the working class will tend to scoff at the ineffectiveness of this panacea in the face of modern conditions. Yet in many ways, this indifference on the part of labor would be regrettable, for consumer cooperation may, if directed along the proper channels, prove of distince service to the labor movement."

The writer also points out that the failure of cooperative movements in Europe has largely been due to the fact that these have lacked "an explicit realization of the state's function." He says: "In almost every European country, hostile interests have encumbered and persecuted cooperatives through the mechanism of the state. Yet orthodox consumer cooperators are still loath to admit that their movement must take any definite stand in politics or that any permanent improvement can be obtained by other means than gradual economic infiltration."

Cooperatives Would Help but Other Organizations More Basic

In regard to this observation of Mr. Fierst, it would seem to me the Communists of the United States might see an opportunity to form and make powerful that Farmer-Labor Party which shall have as a conscious purpose the capture of the state by preparing now to train the workers for practical experience in administration.

After referring to the bad condition of consumer cooperatives in Italy, Germany and Austria—all fascist countries—and in Poland, France, Switzerland and even in Great Britain, either by absorption in the fascist systems or by crushing taxation and other obstacles imposed by capitalist rulers, Mr. Fierst went on to point out the great gains made by cooperatives in those countries in spite of such oppression, saying:

"In no country have cooperative wage been lower than those paid in competing enterprises, and in by far the great majority of cases, they have been above the general level. This is a matter not to be slurred over too casually, when it is remembered that in England alone, almost 300,000 people are employed by consumer cooperative enterprises. Working conditions and hours are usually more favorable in cooperatives than in similar lines elsewhere, and the quality of the goods produced is usually considerably above that of the private enterprise competitors."

Farmer-Labor Party Imperative

If cooperatives can do these things in the face of great obstacles, dealing directly from the farmer or manufacturer to the working masses, why not a political alignment for common purposes, of the farmer and the worker?

Mr. Fierst asks a question that has so often been asked by militant workers, one that has often been used as an argument against cooperative effort by workers: "Does consumers cooperation accelerate, hinder or arrest the overthrow of capitalism?"

He answers that question as follows:

"If consumer cooperation drains the energy of the working-class by promising them a 'middle way,' and then succumbs to opposing forces which should have been fought with equal vigor on all fronts, then it is not only proving to be an inert but even a dangerous development."

Organize on All Fronts

Of course! If American labor or farmers should engage in cooperative effort to the exclusion or neglect of economic organization and of intelligent political opposition to the capitalist state, then it would deserve what it received in consequence.

Mr. Fierst concludes his interesting article by saying:

"Consumer cooperation itself will never overcome capitalism or convert all its abuses. But, hand in hand with a strong labor movement, it might well be a priceless adjunct in the coming struggle for power."

Why should there be irreconcilable differences between great masses of agricultural workers and masses of proletarians, both of whom are robbed by a common enemy at the points of production and consumption? Let us build that Farmer-Labor Party! Let us secure the mutual confidence that will be necessary in order to successfully oppose a merciless set of exploiters! Yes, let us work to secure control of the state!

Answer:

Although this writer misses the main point of the previous article by a farm correspondent, referred to above, it is printed in the hope that it will stimulate more discussion from farmers and agricultural workers, in particular.

The original article raised as its central point the necessity of educating and organizing the small and middle farmers to realize that their interests lie with the working class, both politically and economically. In the answer to this article, printed therewith, it was pointed out that the basic principles involved (immediate building of a Farmer-Labor Party, immediate organization of the unorganized agricultural workers, and organization of the farmers into such organizations as the Grange to defend their own special interests) have not been changed, but that the concrete working-out of these principles raised concrete problems to be solved. Therefore, further discussion was requested.

Too Much Stress on Cooperatives

This writer from Imperial County, as can be seen, missed the central problem involved—that of building unity between the farmers and labor, on the economic field and on the political field in a Farmer-Labor Party, based upon the leadership of the labor movement. He places entirely too much stress upon the cooperative movement as a factor in this problem.

However, it should be made clear that the Communist Party supports the building of both consumers' and producers' cooperatives as an aid to the toiling people in their fight for a better standard of living and against the fascist threats of the people's exploiters and oppressors. We most certainly do not scoff at cooperatives.

Clarifying Farmer-Labor Party

The writer indicates in several places that a Farmer-Labor Party would create a better social order, would "secure control of the state." This should be corrected and clarified. A Farmer-Labor Party would achieve tremendously improved conditions for the great majority of the American people, but it would not change the social order, nor would it "secure control of the state," which would still be a capitalist state. Only a Socialist revolution will secure control of the capitalist state, and then only to break it up and build a complete new state—a Socialist State. A Farmer-Labor Party will, however, be able to block fascism and win immediate gains, and through these struggle will learn, we believe, the necessity to destroy capitalism and build Socialism. Workers' Correspondence Editor

HOPKINS DENOUNCES EFFORTS FOR FURTHER 'ECONOMY' AT EXPENSE OF THE UNEMPLOYED

Refuses to Comment on Bills That Would Raise Work Relief to 3 Billions And Grant 20 Per Cent Raise

WASHINGTON—Harry Hopkins, WPA administrator, denounced the economy drive at the expense of the unemployed as an effort "to take it out of the hides of those who can least afford it, because it is thought they won't yell so loudly."

Again, in a later press conference, he denied allegations that there is a shortage of skilled labor as complained by various manufacturers and trade associations.

"The WPA must continue to employ needy unemployed until jobs are found for them," he said, although he held forth the prospects that WPA would "turn over its rolls to industry and abandon its functions when conditions warrant."

Eight Million Unemployed

He estimated that 7,995,370 employable persons are now out of work in the United States.

Hopkins admitted that WPA itself might get only $1,350,000,000 out of the billion and a half works relief appropriation, providing for only 1,679,000 jobs.

Earlier, at a conference at WPA headquarters, President David Lasser of the Workers' Alliance reported that Hopkins had agreed that WPA might receive as low as $1,200,000,000 of the appropriation, cutting 600,000 persons from the WPA rolls.

Another report by the New York Times indicated that the total appropriation might be reduced to $1,200,000,000, in which case, Hopkins said, WPA would probably get only a billion dollars of this amount, with a million persons dropped from relief.

"Out of Their Hides"

Hopkins vigorously attacked those who want to reduce relief.

"There are some," he said, "who think that if there is any trouble in the country, the thing to do is to take it out of the hides of those who can least afford it, because it is thought that they won't yell so loudly. And that usually means the unemployed."

Asked if he could "get along" with Senator Byrne's proposal to cut the entire works budget to one billion, Hopkins replied: "I can get along on it, but the unemployed can't."

Hopkins blasted the argument that the relief burden should be shifted to the states. He pointed out that in 1933 $330,000,000 was contributed by local governments for relief, which amount grows in 1936 to $810,000,000.

How Many in Need?

He said he did not object to an unemployed census, but insisted that the important thing is not how many are unemployed, but how many are unemployed and in need "and we have the figures on that right now."

Although Hopkins declared that no one in need would be dropped from WPA, he would not amplify this when asked what would happen when the new budget is in force.

Hopkins declared that since David Lasser is the head of the Workers' Alliance, he was "always glad to discuss these matters with him." He declined to comment on bills introduced by Representatives Jerry Voorhis (Calif.) and Gerald W. Boileau, calling, respectively, for a two and one-half billion and a three billion dollar appropriation for work relief.

Concerning his bill, which is sponsored by the Workers' Alliance, Boileau told the House:

"Three billion dollars are required to provide for three million jobs at a 20 per cent wage increase," adding that he would agree to any tax program that might be essential to realize the money.

"The real solution to unemployment," Boileau declared, "lies in a shorter week and higher wages."

Senators Snipe At Bill for Open Hearings

SACRAMENTO — Having refused to pass a bill opening grand jury sessions to the public, the state senate cut down its meaning by the adoption of amendments limiting such open hearings to those "respecting matters involving the alleged corruption, malfeasance or misfeasance in office or dereliction of duty of public officials or public employees, or of any person allegedly acting in conjunction or conspiracy in conjuncficial employees in such alleged acts."

The bill previously passed the assembly. Its passage in the senate, even in the limited form brought about by the amendment, is being opposed on grounds that it might "ruin the reputations of innocent citizens."

Although inspired by the San Francisco graft investigation, it could not be operative in time to affect these hearings.

State Will Take Oil From Tideland Pool At Huntington Beach

SACRAMENTO—Oil under the tidelands of Huntington Beach, heretofore the private preserve of the Standard Oil Company, will furnish revenue to the state under the provisions of the Olson bill, which passed both senate and assembly and now goes to the governor for signature.

Drilling will be done from artificial islands or piers, either under contract, or in case of no bidders, directly by the state.

Slant drilling, to extract the oil from the shoreside, was opposed as giving a virtual monopoly to the Standard Oil Company, which is already extracting much of the state oil pool by drilling from its leases along the ocean bluff.

Pomeroy Removal Is Asked

Assembly Committee *Recommends* Action

SACRAMENTO — The Social Welfare Committee of the state assembly has endorsed for passage the resolution of Assemblyman Ellis E. Patterson calling for the removal of Harold Pomeroy as state relief administrator.

Pomeroy's arbitrary rulings and callous administration of relief has caused misery and resentment among the unemployed throughout his administration.

An order recently passed out in the Los Angeles office of the State Relief Administration is a virtual refusal to deal with the Workers Alliance, through allowing representatives to present grievances for relief clients for one hour per week only, with all complaints to be filed in advance.

Another order set up a complicated system of red tape by which individual clients must go through a series of appeals before they can even present individual grievances to headquarters, and all appointments must be made by their "case aides" or relief visitors.

Pomeroy supported the "Supervisors' Relief Bill" which was opposed by the Workers Alliance, and opposed the Assembly Bill 1879, which the Workers Alliance supported.

The "Supervisors'" bill was passed Tuesday by the state senate, providing for shifting part of the burden of relief to the counties, and making no arrangements in the relief administration set-up for representation of the organized unemployed on the policy-making bodies.

The bill sponsored by the Workers' Alliance provided for a state relief commission which would have a representative of the organized unemployed as one of its members.

Finnish President Supporting Peace

HELSINSFORS, Finland—The foreign policy of Finland is based on Republican principles and the weight of Finland's diplomacy will be exerted through the League of Nations. These assurances, constituting a rebuke to the Fascist-conservative policies that have heretofore been influential in Finland, were made by President Kyosti Kallio and Foreign Minister Rudolf Holsti.

Although not dealing with specific policies of the government, which he is not empowered to do until matters have first been decided on in parliament, he indicated a strong interest in the defense of democracy.

PROGRESS IN U. S. S. R.

MOSCOW—Despite the world and civil wars, the death rate in the Soviet Union dropped 45 per cent between 1913 and 1935. Four Soviet cities have death rates far below figures for Berlin. Health facilities are constantly improving.

When Cut Throats Fall Out



ERNST HAFSTAENGEL (at left) Harvard graduate, known as "Putzy" to America, who used to play the piano for Hitler, strolls the streets of London sadly wondering what has come between him and Der Fuerher, with whom he has fallen in disgrace.

U. S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE APPLAUDS CALL FOR FASCISM

Outlines Program to Destroy Effect of Wagner Labor Relations Act

WASHINGTON—After vigorously applauding at least one of their speakers for making what was virtually a call for a fascist leader to come forward and overthrow the New Deal administration, the 2000 delegates to the U. S. Chamber of Commerce passed a resolution calling for new attacks against labor and outlining their Tory program.

Smoking with hostility at every movement in a progressive direction, defying the people's mandate in the November elections, the Chamber of big business made a rallying call to renew pressure for anti-labor legislation.

Opposed Court Reform

It opposed the President's Supreme Court reform measure, demanded ruthless smashing of relief expenditures and enactment of legislation to take all meaning from the Wagner Act by "balancing" it with restrictions on labor.

The virtual call for fascism was made by Virgil Jordan, president of the National Industrial Conference Board, which includes Pierre and Irenee du Pont, Alfred Sloan and John Henry Hammond. The latter is president of the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad in Maine, only completely open-shop railway in the country.

Thin Disguise

Only slightly disguising his plea for fascism, Jordan declared:

"The case is not hopeless, but the challenge is inescapable, and the responsibility is yours. Only through honest, enlightened, unselfish and fearless leadership from some source as yet unseen, which will inspire a drastic spiritual purge, a violent moral revulsion against delusion and deceit, among the American people, can they escape the fate that awaits them."

The same reactionary charges that were heard during the election campaign were made in a more openly fascist background when Jordan declared that the New Deal has "enabled alien influence, deriving from Asia, the Orient and the decadent areas of Europe, to invade and capture the dominant forces in American life and thought."

Strongest abuse in the subsequent resolution was heaped on the idea of reforming the Supreme Court. The resolution attacked "every measure which has as its purpose influence from the legislative or executive departments upon decisions which the Supreme Court will render, in whatever terms such measures are couched whether in relation to the numbers of the Supreme Court or otherwise."

"Amend" Wegner Act

Drectors were instructed to immediately provide for "presentation of the desirability of amendments to the National Labor Relations Act which will safeguard and protect the interests of the employees, employers and the public." Further legislation was proposed to "establish responsibility for the acts of labor organization," with the implication that labor unions would be required to incorporate.

"The right to picketing," said the resolution, "should be limited to giving information, and should not be permitted to include any actions that will cause reasonable apprehension in the mind of any person that there will be an injury to himself—or with respect to property."

"Strikes and lockouts should be placed beyond any possibility of occurrence on the relations of the government—federal, state, local and its employees."

Alliance In Offer to C of C

Would Furnish Men To Overcome 'Shortage'

WASHINGTON—The Workers Alliance, in a letter to Harper Sibley, president of the United States Chamber of Commerce, gave an implied answer to the charge that increased relief is not necessary on account of the "absorption of the unemployed" by private industry.

Signed by President David Lasser, the letter offered the members of the Alliance "for employment at decent wages under trade union conditions."

Lasser pointed out that while industrial production for February, 1937, was practically at the 1929 level, there were still 10,000,000 unemployed workers. He declared that only a reduction in the hours of labor would make possible a reduction in unemployment sufficient to warrant a decrease in relief expenditures.

Unless the Chamber adopts policies to make possible a reduction in unemployment, the Alliance warned that it would insist that the government agencies assume the obligation for providing a decent standard of living for the unemployed.

To this end, the Alliance reaffirmed its support for adoption in the present session of congress the "Public Works and Relief Standards Act," HR 5822, which calls for three millions jobs on WPA for the next fiscal year at a cost of three billion dollars and an appropriation of one billion dollars for direct relief grants to the states to match funds raised there.

'Non-Partisan' Bill Passes Senate

SACRAMENTO — A bill to place the election of state legislators on a "non-partisan" basis was passed by the state senate, 23-13 with three abstentions, having been introduced by the reactionary Senators Schottky and Biggar. It goes now to the assembly.

Its avowed purpose, as explained by San Francisco's Assemblyman William B. Hornblower, who supports it, is to secure the election of legislators on a fundamental issues rather than on partisan politics. Progressive opposition is based on its intended effect, to free legislators from responsibility for any progressive policies their parties might adopt in the interest of holding mass influence, while not eliminating the operation of party machines.

INCUMBENTS IN BERKELEY ARE KEPT IN OFFICE

BERKELEY—Four incumbent councilmen and one member of the school board were returned to office in a light vote at Tuesday's election.

Those reelected to the council were: Walter Mork, 8047; Frank Gaines, 7818; Benita Herrick, 7475; and Wiliam A. Porter, 7429.

Richard S. Ludlow, candidate of the Communist Party, received 1194 votes. Mrs. Leila Thompson, member of the Teachers' Union running with considerable labor support, received 1856 votes. Herbert G. Hollis received 2065 votes and Frank Bellante, 1472.

Walter Steilberg was reelected to the school board by 7158 votes. Mrs. Christine Wilson was also elected, by 6749 votes. Dr. Franklin Bissell, supported by the Communist Party, received 2708 votes.

Hamilton Suggests Combined Party of Reactionary Forces

WASHINGTON — John Hamilton, Republican national chairman, suggested the realignment of reactionary forces from both political parties when he spoke over a nation-wide hookup for the first time since the election campaign.

Although he declared that this is a question for the future to decide, he hinted at its desireability by presuming to speak on questions that transcend old party lines and declaring that if a new political structure is to be built it will be based on "the foundation which we today call Republican."

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500 SMALL DAIRYMEN JOIN IN MASS RESISTANCE TO VICIOUS USE OF TUBERCULIN TESTING

Federal Testers and Sheriffs are Defied From Making Tests Without Provision For Compensation for Cattle

MODESTO—Five hundred angry dairymen defied Federal bovine tuberculosis inspectors and the Stanislaus County sheriff and deputies attempting to carry out an inspection on the farm of John Borba near Crows Landing.

Hostile because the inspection law is used to destroy their herds without adequate compensation, the farmers forced Sheriff Grat Hogin and his deputies to withdraw without carrying out inspection. Several hundred had gathered at the farm when they arrived.

Later Hogin and his deputies returned with the plan of taking the names of all assembled to arrest them singly. By this time the crowd had swelled to 500, including some 50 women.

Terror Threat

Threats of open terror against the dairymen were clear in Hogin's statement that he would "call all available men, if necessary, to see that the law is enforced."

The law on tuberculosis inspection receives the support of the big dairy and farm interests whose greater capital enables them to replace readily any cattle that may possibly be taken from their herds under it, while the poorer farmers are squeezed out of competition by its operation.

The solution demanded by the Western Cooperative Dairymen's Union, whose headquarters are at Fresno, is the full compensation by the government for any cows that must be destroyed after the inspection. Dairy farmers are generally anxious to take every precaution against infection in their herds, but resent laws which are manipulated in the interests of driving them out of competition with large interests.

Under present regulations, farmers are required to sell condemned cattle at specified slaughtering places, which are few in number and which entail heavy transportation costs.

Disastrous Losses

A system of compensation is worked out whereby a maximum of two-thirds of the value of the cow is presumably guaranteed. However, a maximum of $25 is set on "grade" cows and $50 on registered cattle. In consequence, very little of the lost value is returned, and the small farmer is unable to replace his herd.

S.F. Open Forum on Wagner Labor Act

SAN FRANCISCO—The Twentieth Assembly District Club announces regular Monday evening open forums at 364 Third street, where questions of national, state and civic importance will be discussed.

The first of the series will be held Monday, May 10, at 8 p. m. The topic will be the Wagner Labor Relations Act.

Discuss Education And Democracy, LA

LOS ANGELES—Under the auspices of the Classroom Teachers' Federation and the American Federation of Teachers, Local 430, Robert H. Lane, assistant superintendent of schools, Los Angeles, and vice-president of the Progressive Education Association will discuss "Progressive Education and Democracy," Tuesday, May 11, 8 p.m. at Sentous Auditorium, Sentous and Pico Boulevards.

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W. N. Jones Calls To Follow Up Herndon Victory

NEW YORK—W. N. Jones, Negro leader and member of the editorial board of the Baltimore Afro-American, joined in praise for "the victory of the mass forces working with Angelo Herndon which has resulted in the Supreme Court decision freeing him from the Georgia chain gang threat."

In a statement published in the Daily Worker, Jones further declared:

"I regard it as a special privilege that was afforded me as one time chairman of the Herndon-Scottsboro Committee to have had a small place in this historic struggle. It seems to me that the decision should stimulate a great wave of enthusiastic action in behalf of real democracy in America and that we should not let this great opportunity strengthen the economic oppression of colored and white working masses pass without permanent benefits.

"I am one of those who stand ready to enlist in a renewed struggle under the Herndon banner. By this great victory he becomes the symbol of the youth struggle in America."

Bridge Purchase Object of Bill

SACRAMENTO—Right of the State of California to acquire the Carquinez Bridge would be established under the right of eminent domain by the provisions of an act just introduced into the senate.

Already the state Toll Bridge Authority has authorized purchase negotiations for the Carquinez and Antioch bridges. The act was introduced when doubts were raised as to the legality of such a purchase.

The exorbitant toll of 70 cents minimum is now charged for crossing Carquinez Bridge, and it is estimated that this could be reduced to 15 cents if the span is purchased by the state at $6,200,000.

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Socialist Party Convention on Farm-Labor Party

By A. B. MAGIL

The special convention of the Socialist Party at the end of March took place in the midst of a vast upsurge of the American masses on both the economic and political fields. The overwhelming vote against Landon in the last election cannot be regarded as the old shuttling back and forth between Tweedledum and Tweedledee. Even so conservative a commentator as Thomas E. Woodlock of the Wall Street Journal found in that vote evidences of " a cleavage upon lines largely economic class divisions, more extensive than any similar cleavage in our experience in the past." (Wall Street Journal Nov. 4.)

The elections, moreover, revealed the growing sentiment for a new political alignment. The emergence of Labor's Non-Partisan League, representing the most progressive trade unions, the establishment by the League of an independent party in New York State; the American Labor Party, the unprecedented victories of the Minnesota Farmer-Labor Party and the Wisconsin Progressive Party, the great advances of the Wisconsin Farmer-Labor Progressive Federation and of progressive movements within the Democratic Party such as the Washington Commonwealth Federation and Epic in California, and the development of Farmer-Labor Party movements in most of the states in the union showed that millions of Americans were definitely dissatisfied with the policies of the Republican and Democratic parties.

Since the elections the sharp Supreme Court reform has given further impetus to the sentiment for a realignment of political forces and has increased those class tensions that are threatening to split the Democratic Party from stem to stern.

3 Resolutions

How did the Socialist Party convention react to these developments? The convention adopted three resolutions bearing on this situation: One on the Farmer-Labor Party, another on the united front, and a third on the situation in the Minneapolis Farmer-Labor Party.

On the question of the united front and the Farmer-Labor Party three main tendencies manifested themselves at the convention:

1. The Trotzkyites and their close allies of the Zam-Tyler group, which includes not only those who are conciliatory to Trotzkyism, but some who are themselves concealed (and not so concealed) Trotzkyites. These people are in principle opposed to a Farmer-Labor Party, just as they are opposed to the People's Front in Spain, France and all countries. At most, they give lip-service to a Labor Party, that is, a one-class party which excludes not only middle-class elements, but the farmers as well. They are also the bitterest enemies of the united front with the Communist Party.

2. The Norman Thomas-Devere Allen group and the Barron-Altman group of New York, who favored a position virtually the same as that adopted at the Socialist convention in May, 1936. That is, a general and lukewarm endorsement of the Farmer-Labor Party, while setting all sorts of conditions which in practice result in a negative attitude. On the united front, no general united front with the Communist Party, but endorsement of a united front on specific issues, provided other groups are included.

United Front Group

3. The pro-united front and pro-Farmer-Labor Party group. This group, which was the most weakly organized at the convention, favors a united front with the Communist Party on all issues and the active building of a broad Farmer-Labor Party as an American People's Front against reaction and war. The position of this group has been most clearly expressed by Paul Porter, former national labor secretary of the Socialist Party in his pamphlet, "Which Way for the Socialist Party?"

Though the Trotzkyites and the Zam-Taylor group controlled the convention, despite the fact that they are a minority among the party membership), they did not succeed in scuttling completely the Farmer-Labor Party and the united front. The defeat of the Trotzkyites on these questions is to be welcomed, but the resolutions adopted are unfortunately hardly more than a shadow of the progressive policies that one might expect of a workers' political party. And what will happen to even this shadow at the hands of the bright lads of the Socialist Call, where Tyler and Zam rule the roost?

"Advocacy and Support"

The resolution on the Farmer-Labor Party, published in the April 3 issue of the Socialist Call, ignores the tremendous political developments of the past year and merely "renews its (the Socialist Party's) advocacy and support of a genuine farmer-labor party." If this "advocacy and support" is to be of the same kind as in the past, it will mean in practice disruption of the Farmer-Labor Party movement and further isolation of the Socialist Party from the progressive forces of the country.

The principles which the resolution lays down as "conditions of participation in any farmer-labor party" are those which Norman Thomas has repeated time after time as pretexts for sabotaging every movement for independent political action. Principle 1 is:

"The party must consciously represent the interests of workers with hand and brain."

What about farmers and middle-class people? And what about those progressive movements within the old parties that are not yet fully conscious of the class forces behind them?

Principle 2:

"It must, from its first inception, have the definite support of important sections of organized farmers and workers and also be open to individual members support its principles and aims."

In other words, the Farmer-Labor Party must spring full-grown, pure and undefiled, from the brow of some political Jupiter. It must have a mass character from the outset—despite the all-too-frequent efforts of the Socialist Party to discourage the masses from supporting movements for a Farmer-Labor Party.

And what about the American Labor Party, which didn't have the organized farmers "from its first inception" and doesn't have them yet? Is it to be permanently blacklisted?

Principle 3:

"The farmer-labor party should be committed at least to the general principle of production for use."

"Production for use" is a scientific sense means Socialist production. This is possible only after the overthrow of the profit system of capitalism. Thus far only a small minority of the American people, those who support the Socialist and Communist parties, believe in the necessity of Socialism.

To put forward this slogan in any scientific sense, therefore, would mean to call for a Farmer-Labor Party that would merely duplicate the Socialist or Communist Party, and exclude those millions who are ready to break with the old parties, but do not yet accept the full program of socialism.

(To Be Continued.)

Utilities Conceal Real Ownership

SACRAMENTO—Assemblyman Sam Yorty of Los Angeles charged before the state assembly that California power companies deliberately attempt to mislead the voters on the ownership of their stock during public ownership campaigns. He failed, however, to get the assembly to withdraw from its public utilities committee a resolution which would have caused the state railroad commission to make available to the lower house the names of the principal stockholders of the utilities.

"The utilities," said Yorty, "are always saying that they are owned by the people of California when as a matter of fact they are owned by Wall Street holding companies. This ownership should be brought to light."

The public utilities committee had tabled the resolution.

A New Workers' Song Hit for Mass Singing—At Home and at Meetings

WESTERN WORKER FEATURES

What Mothers Day Means in 1937—Soviet News Briefs—Film Reviews

SEEING RED

BY MICHAEL QUIN

THE BULBOUS nose of J. Sittingdown Swivelpuss was flanked on either side by mountainous, beefy cheeks that sloped off into long, ridge-like jowels. To the south, beyond a dense forest of mustache, the folds of his face disappeared into the rilling foothills of his multiple chins. The top of his head was a vast, smooth plateau, lightly fringed at the edges. And beneath the shining surface of that plateau, smouldered a remarkable brain.

"I have not come before you to praise democracy," he sair, "but to bury it. The evil that economic systems do live after them. The good is oft interred with their bones. So let it be with democracy."

He took a long, gurgling drink of water, wiped off the ends of his mustache, and continued:

"There are people," he roared, "who say the Swivelpuss plan of national unification will not work—that it is impractical. To them I say, look at the past. Choose if you must between the democratic past and the glorious future provided under the Swivelpuss system .

"America has reached a crossroads. Either she must accept the Swivelpuss way—the real American way—or be engulfed in the rising tides of Socialism and Communism. And let me tell you, ladies and gentlemen, if you are to prevent Communism, it is the Swivelpuss method, and only the Swivelpuss method that can offer a way out.

"What has been the promise of American Democracy in the past? It has been that every man, however humbly born, might rise to become the President of the United States. That has been our creed—our ideal. And yet, how far we have come from achieving it! In all our history, only a handful of men have ever lived to become President. The rest have been left to fret in the humiliation of failure. This has been the reality of American life—and this is the reality we must face.

"Under the Swivelpuss plan, the clumsy and impractical electoral system would be done away with. All public offices would be raffled off in a national lottery, and the funds would be used to give every citizen an income of $500 a month. Every month there would be a new lottery and a new administration.

"Under the old system, the President has had authority and his actions have sometimes displeased the people. The Swivelpuss plan insures against such disappointments. The President would have no authority. Upon taking office, he would be handed a scenario covering his full term. All that he would have to do would be act it out.

"Hitherto our history and national life have been left to chance. Not so under the Swivelpuss plan. Indeed, Shakespeare was right when he said that all the world is a stage and we the actors. And yet, to date, we have been conducting the show without any scenario to guide us. Is it any wonder the play never gets anywhere? Under the Swivelpuss plan, the National Chamber of Commerce would be converted into a scenario department. The business leaders of the country would meet and write the future history of the nation in the form of a scenario that the people would take and act out. Nothing left to chance. No loose ends left wagging.

"Local Chambers of Commerce would be turned into casting offices. Citizens would report there and be given tryouts. Experts would then cast them in the roles they were fitted for and give them their parts.

"Life would soon become as beautiful and slickly patterned as the life we see on the motion picture screen. It would be designed by experts instead of being left to chance. Life would be under control. History would be whatever we wanted to make it. It would just be a matter of writing the scenario and acting it out.

"The nation's business leaders would do away with depressions, labor troubles, unemployment, strikes, and the Communist Party, simply by not writing them into the scenario."

"35 Millions Strong"



YOU REMEMBER REB RANEY'S POEMS? Well, now she has added some rousing music to her spirited words, and the result is a militant song that should echo and re-echo wherever workers gather together. Clip this song out for future reference at meetings or at home.

ONE 'DAY' IS POOR REWARD FOR MOTHERS

U. S. Mothers Need Practical Help In Problems

By JOAN REED

IN A country that has the highest maternal death rate of any civilized nation, the business interests of the United States have developed the annual ceremonial known as "Mothers Day." Unfortunately many American mothers have come to accept the first Sunday in May as an honorary tribute, not recognizing the monetary scheme that it is.

Many women are hurt and bitterly disappointed if they do not receive a telegram, some flowers or a gift. Blinded by the sentimental aura that surrounds "Mothers Day," they have failed to see the millions of dollars that have been collected by the Western Union, the telephone companies and the rest of the profiteers.

Mothers Under Capitalism

There is little doubt however that the degrading position which our economic society has imposed upon the majority of women, accounts to a large extent for their unquestioning and sometimes joyous acceptance of Mothers Day. Because most women are frustrated both from an economic and human standpoint they have gratefully received this national celebration. They feel perhaps that at least on one day a year they receive a bit of much needed consideration.

Women as a whole are not fully aware that in our present society they are treated slightly better than household and nursery slaves, yet at the same time they know they are entitled to some respect for their maternal duties.

"Mothers Day" Used as Racket

Consequently the commercial racket of "Remembering Mother" has been highly successful. Happily, they have accepted stereotyped telegrams and cards on the first Sunday in May, totally forgetting that the remaining 364 days, American mothers are brutally and entirely ignored.

In factories and work shops little and no attention is paid as to the possible health dangers to prospective mothers. According to the International Labor Office, Bulletin 152, "Every process that is injurious to the health of woman, is still more injurious for the expectant mother."

Yet working women, particularly in large industries are daily subjected to conditions that are definitely injurious to themselves and to future motherhood.

No Mother Aid As In USSR

Moreover in the United States there are no adequate Mother Aid Laws, such as distinguish the Soviet Union. Here in our supposed enlightened democracy there is not a single state that provides the vast numbers of working women with prenatal or after natal care. Yet the following statement was made by Dr. Howard W. Haggard, Associate Professor of Physiology at Harvard:

"Child-bearing is an illness of nine months requiring constant care and supervision; then an episode as grave as a surgical operation, needing as excellent medical care; and finally a period of convalescence, as from an operation, lasting several weeks. When the process of child-bearing is looked upon in this light and treated accordingly in all women the mortality in this country will diminish to the lowest level attainable today, approximately one-third of the present death rate."

Make It Peace Day

And so along with underpaying women and ignoring the necessary treatment for birth, which Dr. Haggard says should be given to ALL women, we in America observe "Mothers Day" by gullibly swallowing the sentimental drivel, spewed forth by the advertising agencies and the profiteers.

However the progressive elements in our society are waking up and this year will see the first Sunday in May observed by anti-war programs. Throughout our country the American League Against War and Fascism is trying to lay the foundations of making Mothers Day —Peace Day. When this is done, then the present May Sunday tribute to American mothers will contain significance and value.

How Many Can You Answer?

1—Where did the First Continental Congress meet, and what did it do?
2—What are "finks," and what are "nobles?"
3—What fascist leader was recently defeated in a European election watched by the entire world?
4—What is a "dummy" union?
5—What is a "yellow dog" contract?

(See Below)

IN THE LAND OF SOCIALISM

Woman Invents New Process

MOSCOW—V. Yakhnina, 26-year-old woman engineer, invented a new process of treating steel, iron and cast iron against corrosion. The new process replaces and is better than nickel-plating and will cost only a fraction of plating costs.

LYONS, France—Exhibits in the Soviet Pavilion at the annual Lyons Fair were enthusiastically received by 25 to 30 thousand daily visitors.

MOSCOW—Made entirely of precious and semi-precious stones obtained in the Soviet Union, the economic map of the U.S.S.R. for the Paris International Exposition is almost completed. It is in 79 sections, mounted on an aluminum frame, and weighs three and one-half tons.

Free Hospilization

MOSCOW—In 1937, the Soviet Union will spend more than one billion rubles on construction of medical institutions, of which 574,000,000 rubles will be spent for maternity homes, nurseries and milk kitchens.

This year will bring 186 new hospitals and hospital extensions to accommodate 15,000 patients in cities, 80 hospitals for 1500 patients in villages; six clinics, 30 buildings for students, 39 new nurse schools and 21 dormitories for students.

Famed Writer Dies

MOSCOW—Ilya Ilf, of the celebrated team of Ilf and Petrov, died at 40 years of age, having been a victim of tuberculosis for a number of years. The Soviet press is writing a great deal about his life and literary work. Although not a Communist Party member, he was one of the most active staff members of "Pravda," C.P. organ.

MOSCOW—In a railroad accident near here, six people were killed and 13 injured. A number of railroad employes, including the heads of the administration, are under arrest charged with neglect of duty.

INNER BATTLE IN SOCIALIST PARTY—1910

More Reminiscences Of California Labor

By J. E. SNYDER

The inner-Party battle in Oakland and San Francisco in 1910, if not instigated by the Harriman and Trade Union Party, could not have been done better by them to play into the hands of the fusionists.

Editor Tuck, Oakland World, got into battles with the extreme syndicalist group and the fusionists at the same time. Others warned him he was playing to the hand of Harriman, but he for once was short-sighted, and so the State Office was taken from his group and moved to Los Angeles with Job Harriman in full domination and F. B. Meriam a pliant agent to carry out his program.

Results of Factional Fight

As you remember, Debs was kept out of the California State campaign by the Harriman controlled state office because of his emphatic stand against the immigration plank in the Socialist Party State platform debarring orientals from the U.S., and in which stand by Debs the National Congress of the Party concurred.

Wm. Thurston Brown, for wearing an I.W.W. button while walking on a street in Los Angeles, and Wm. D. Haywood, because of his stand for industrial unionism, not to be organized within the AFL were debarred also because they were being routed by the International Socialist Review, a bitter opponent of the fusion dealers.

In a controversy with Brown, the real stand of Harriman was brought out from under cover. In his speech at Santa Cruz in May, 1911, Brown quoted Harriman as saying: "I would be quite willing to turn the Socialist Party over to the AFL unions."

A Santa Cruz citizen wired this to Harriman and got the reply:

"I never said that we would hand the Socialist Party over to the AFL unions. I did state that the Socialist Party and the trade unions should be merged; that we stand for industrial unionism, provided it develops within the present labor unions; that we stand for political action; that we are opposed to oriental immigration; that if he, Brown, sanctions these measures we will support his Modern School."

(To Be Continued)

Your Health

By F. E. BISSELL, M.D.

SCALP RINGWORM

Santa Cruz.

Dear Dr. Bissell:

My son has what was called a ring-worm infection on the back of his head. I have been trying to fight this now for six months, but haven't made much progress.

I seem to have something like it on the upper and lower lid of my eye and close to my nose. What are the dangers of ringworm? What could I use in the water to keep it from spreading to other parts of the head? We are on relief work.

—Mrs. M. W.

Answer: It is doubtful if the skin disease you have is the same as on your son's head, as it is unusual for such a form of ring-worm to attack an adult, especially on some other area than the scalp.

Ring-worm will only attack the skin, and its main danger is it will easily spread to other children.

This form of skin disease is very difficult to treat. As you have tried a number of treatments without much success, it is probable the only treatment that will clear up the condition is the so-called "epilation," together with application of the right sort of disinfectant.

You should buy some epilation forceps at the drug store and pull out all hairs by the roots from the area of infection and the area around it. Extract all new hairs from this area. Then rub in hard 5 per cent ammoniated mercury every day.

If this is not sufficient or you are unable to pull out the hairs, the only method left is to have your son's scalp treated with X-Rays, which will make the hair fall out. You should be sure, however, that this treatment is carried out by an X-Ray specialist, otherwise it may be incomplete or it may cause your son to be bald his entire life. To obtain this treatment, you should go to the Santa Cruz County Hospital and demand that a doctor who is an X-Ray specialist carry out this procedure.

SYPHILIS CAMPAIGN

Stockton.

Dear Dr. Bissell

I have had syphilis for 14 years and have had treatments for two years. My blood test is still positive and the test of my spinal fluid showed syphilis in my spinal cord also.

The health clinic sent me to the State hospital for malaria treatments, but the doctor there refused to give them to me. I think the treatments were refused because they would have to support my family. What would you advise me to do to get some action? —E. S.

Answer This case shows clearly the fakery and humbug of the present "drive against syphilis" in the newspapers. The newspaper articles make a great deal of noise about persuading patients to receive treatments, but when a poor man attempts to obtain this treatment, it is refused him.

The fact that your blood is still positive in spite of much treatment and that you have syphilis in the spinal cord, demonstrates you need the malaria treatments, and a private doctor would certainly recommend them if you had the money to pay for them.

I would advise you to bring pressure on the State hospital to give you a full course of malaria or fever treatments, which would probably cure you. You should go to the directors of the State hospital with as large a committee as possible and demand that you receive such treatment on the basis of the recommendation from the health clinic. The committee should be, if possible, officially from your union, or the Workers' Alliance, or any other organization that you belong to. If this is not successful, go with the committee to Sacramento and see the Governor, notifying the newspapers, if feasible.

COUGH MIXTURE

Salinas.

Dear Dr. Bissell:

What is a good cough medicine? The patent drug store slop is no good. —C. L. M.

Answer: A good mixture you can obtain at any drug store, very inexpensively, is the standard "Brown's Mixture." If this is not sufficient, a stronger mixture is the "Elixir of Codein and Terpinhydrate." Both are taken in teaspoonful doses. You are right in not taking patent medicines. A cough that lasts longer than three weeks should be investigated by a doctor, as a cough of this duration might mean something serious.

Soviet 'Beethoven Concerto' Film Opens in L.A.

LOS ANGELES — "Beethoven Concerto," new Soviet film of child-prodigies in the Soviet Union, which opens its western premiere engagement May 7 at the Grand International Theater, 730 South Grand Ave., has a musical score which was composed for the most part by Soviet Russia's foremost composed, I. Dunayevsky. The Beethoven compositions heard are by the great master.

The film winds up with the phenomenal eleven-year-old Mischa Taimanov playing the classic Beethoven concerto for violin and orchestra in its entirety.

Up to this point though, music —barring a Bach chaconne and some Beethoven—is all Dunayevsky, and the film is being hailed as a musical triumph.

Musicians are chuckling over the good humor and the cleverness of the score, and audiences leave the theater whistling the Dunayevsky tunes.

The cast of "Beethoven Concerto" is largely a juvenile and non-professional one, although Vladimir Gardin, world famous for his portrayals in Soviet hits, is cast as the violin professor who is instructor of one of the prodigies. A full symphony orchestra and a cartoon sequence add to the fun.

NEW MOVIES

How the New Film Alliance sizes them up:

A STAR IS BORN: Old story, very amusingly told, of the fall of one star and rise of another. (Fredric March and Janet Gaynor.)

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WAKE UP AND LIVE: Sparkling musical. Walter Winchell and Ben Bernie—and swell tunes.

GOOD OLD SOAK: Ordinary production from Don Marquis' famous story. Wallace Beery as rummy who turns out all right.

THUNDER IN THE CITY: Edward Robinson good in routine part about an American ballyhoo artist in England.

REDES (THE WAVE): Don't forget to ask your local exhibitor to play this swell picture about Mexican fishermen.

Sutter County Buys Tear Gas

YUBA CITY (Sutter County) —The county board of supervisors has appropriated $1000 for the use of the sheriff's office in purchase of tear gas equipment against workers.

The purchase was okehed because of growers' fear of strikes

'Spain in Flames' Film in Oakland Sunday, May 9

OAKLAND—"Spain in Flames," the first complete motion picture showing the fascist invasion against democratic Spain, will be screened at the Oakland Auditorium Theater on Sunday, May 9, with a continuous showing from 2 until 11 p.m.

Here is contemporary history itself. Here is a document for the most part made while the headlines are flinging the news of history in the making around the world. Here, before your eyes, are the masses of men, women and children fighting to save the republic of Spain from Franco and his murderous allies, Hitler and Mussolini.

Shows C.P. Leaders

The film shows King Alfonso, Lerroux, President Azana; and the Communist Party leaders, "La Pasionaria" and Jose Diaz.

"Spain in Flames" is endorsed by the Northern American Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy.

This is a documentary film with an English narrative accompaniment and introduction by Fernando de los Rios, Spanish Ambassador to the United States. The first half was narrated by John Dos Passos and the second half by the world-famous novelist, Ernest Hemingway.

California *A Working Class History* By Ned Dahl

California became, formally, a part of the United States, by the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, signed on February 2, 1848.

Some two weeks before, one James W. Marshall stumbled on some shining particles in the tail race of saw mill in one of the Sierra Nevada canons. The saw mill belonged to John A. Sutter, his employer.

Deposits of gold had been found long before in California, notably in the Santa Feliciana Canyon of the San Fernando hills, back of Los Angeles. But Marshall's accidental discovery revealed the fabulous treasure of gold in the hills of California.

For six weeks Marshall and Sutter managed to keep the discovery quiet. But the secret leaked out; teamsters came in from the outside, and hearing the astounding news, carried it back to the coast.

Then followed that astounding mass migration, which brought what must have seemed like the whole country flocking to the hills in California.

Two men in one week obtained $17,000 from a 100-foot trench. The return for the gold miners began to rise, from $10 to $50, to $100 a day.

The glamour and the tragedies of the gold rush—these are well-known to the reader. We need not go into them here.

The opening up of gold mining served to introduce in striking fashion the necessity for establishing a government, adequate from the point of view of capitol—to meet the new conditions.

Sloat, Kearney, Stockton, Fremont, Mason and Riley—the new California saw almost as big an array of commanders and governors as had the Mexican colony.

In the year following the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, the government of the newly acquired territory was "part military, part civil and part no government at all." (In most of the distinctively American settlements whatever government existed was almost purely of local origin.

(To Be Continued)

How Many Did You Answer?

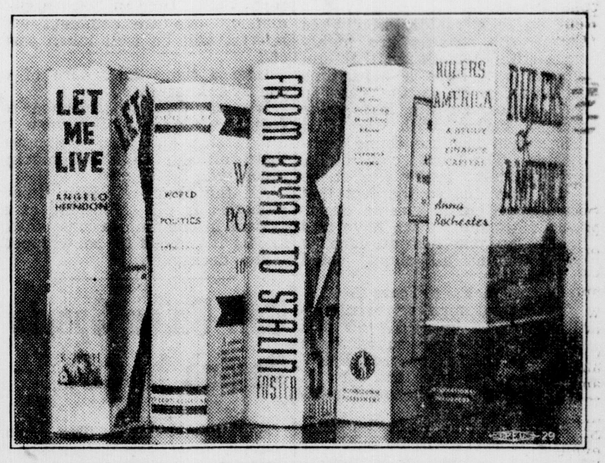
1—Carpenters Hall, Philadelphia, 1774. It laid the foundations for the first American government.
2—"Finks" are the ordinary run of scabs; they call their foremen or chief guards "nobles."
3—Leon De Grelle, head of the Rexist (Fascist) party in Belgium; defeated by Premier Van Zeeland for Parliament.
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A Special Page of Trade Union News, Developments and Features

Workers' Enemies Exposed in Salinas Labor Board Hearings; ILGWU is Still Growing in U.S.; Hollywood Studio Strike Will Win, Says Worker; S.F. Labor Council Blasts Watson's Jerking of Alameda County Labor Council Charter; California Agricultural Union Leaders Disown "Field Worker" paper.

Studio Worker Tells Why Film Strike Is Set to Win

Workers Walked Out To Remedy Deep Grievances

HOLLYWOOD—What promises to be the greatest motion picture strike in history, was initiated Friday night, April 30, by 2000 painters—one of the 18 crafts in the Federated Motion Picture Crafts, which has a membership of some 16,000 members. By Saturday morning other crafts had struck and had joined the painters at the picket lines.

Moreover, there are 1800 laborers in the Utility Union who, although not yet in the Federated, unanimously pledged themselves not to crash the picket lines—orchids by wholesale to these least paid brothers.

The present strike differs completely from the last one four years ago. Then the strike was pulled over our heads without the sanction of the rank and file; while the present one has been okayed a hundred per cent by the boys and girls who pay the dues.

And while the 1933 strike was simply a vague jurisdictional dispute, of benefit only to union chiefs and of little or nothing to the membership, today's strike goes far deeper into the welfare of every studio worker.

Take for instance the very much need for safety measures, of which the studios have been so exceedingly lax, to the extent that hardly a week passes without some serious accident.

Laborers get electrocuted, as happened a short while back at Paramount; painters have mortal fall at Warner's lot; extras have their lives blown out of their bodies in some explosion, or are trampled to death in a cavalry charge at Universal.

Profits and Lives

Barely two weeks ago some 17 extras were nearly killed at a Paramount location when a racing coach turned over. Most all these accidents were avoidable, but for the intensity to save a few dollars they rather risk the life and limb of unwary workers.

The upper-most question, however, is: WILL THE STRIKERS WIN? The answer is emphatically: YES!

Let us compare the last and the present strike. The last one lacked in spirit. The rank-and-file went out dazed, not knowing what had happened, like a bunch of chickens that had been turned out loose into a cold cold world.

Know Why They're on Strike

But today they know why they are striking, and the spirit is high and the determination to correct wrongs and injustices breath-taking. What more proof than the utility boys who, although not yet in the Federation swore unanimously not to rape the strike?

A strike is rapidly won when among the strikers are highly especialized technicians that employers will have a hard time replacing. Such is the case in the studios. In the last strike victory rested with the first cameramen and the sound technicians. The first cameramen, unfortunately, broke the strike—this was due to the fact that the camera chaps took an eleven hour vote, and, as we have said before, no one had an idea of what it was all about, voted to stay in.

Betrayed Four Years Ago

The sound men were criminally betrayed by IBEW officials who, to grab the sound craft from the IATSE, ordered IBEW sound men to take the jobs of the striking IATSE sound technicians.

Today not only twice the number of workers will be out, thus crippling production considerably more than before, but there are also highly specialized workers among the strikers; for instance, the precision shop men and make-up artists.

Four Aces

But on top of that, they hold four aces in the 5000 membership of the Actors' Guild who, as we all know, are expecting to walk out fully 100 per cent any moment now. No matter how big the star, pictures cannot be made without extras, bit players and feature players. Moreover—and watch this point because it is vital to our cause—players under contract with a studio have an insurance clause in their contracts forbidding them to go through picket lines. Which means: NO CONTRACT PLAYERS, NO PICTURES.

Wide Support

Besides, it is surprising the large number of stars, directors and writers who are for the strike and contributing to the strikers fund, although on the O.T. And who ever says that actors don't stick is talking with a split tongue.

Since Equity, actors have learned that in union there is might. No longer do stage producers chisel actors. And the few actors who a long time ago scabbed on Equity, can no longer work on the stage, no matter how big a shot he or she was before.

The Actors' Guild is the screen's Equity, that is why they have elected to make common cause with their brothers in overalls and together win the strike.

"Point of Order"

A TRADE UNION COLUMN

by Slim

Corporations Shiver When the CIO Announces Another Organization Drive; Communications Drive by American Radio Telegraphers Assn. and United Electrical and Radio Workers, Causes Outburst of Drivel from Western Union's Company Union; It Looks as if Another CIO Victory Will Follow.

It seems that all the CIO has to do is announce an organizational drive in an industry, to send literal shivers of trepidation through the corporations dominating that industry.

Communications (Western Union, Postal Telegraph, etc., to you) are the latest example of what we mean.

The American Radio Telegraphers Assn. affiliated with the CIO; and a joint drive by two CIO unions—the United Electrical and Radio Workers (taking care of production men) and the ARTA (for operators)—was announced.

It seems as if the volcano rumbled once again, and the Western Union, for example, began to rush helter-skelter, hitner and yon.

How Touching!

A letter to the "members" of the Association of Western Union Employees (company union, if we want you to know) followed.

"The undersigned officers of your Assembly," it seems, felt that "we would be amiss in our duty if we did not bring to you at this time a word of caution."

"An outside labor organization"—the bounders—was endeavoring "to beguile some of our members into the belief that they can secure for them an immediate increase in wages, together with shorter hours, better working conditions, etc."

Such touching concern by the giant Western Union moved its employees—in fact moved thousands throughout the country right into the CIO.

"Your company," the Western Union employees were told, "is the Golden Goose who furnishes the where-with-all for our bread and butter."

(Golden Goose, you can go lay an egg.)

No Threat—It's a CIO Promise

The CIO, it seems, claims it will bring about wage increases. As to the company union—and salary increases—"our Division Assembly is in session, other conferences will follow immediately. We are confident our interest will be well taken care of."

Like a tiger takes care of a canary's interests.

We wouldn't be surprised to see the CIO accomplish what it did in steel and auto—win over those officials of the company union who are honest.

All the above Western Union gibberish is the slobbering of a system in communications which knows it's about to be whipped—and decisively.

Call Union Sports Confab in S.F.

SAN FRANCISCO—The sports committee of the International Association of Cleaning & Dye House Worker has issued a call to all uptown unions for the purpose of creating a union sports league. The first conference is set for Wednesday, May 19, 8 p. m., at 9 Grove St.

There are quite a few locals which now have sports teams of one sort or another—basketball, baseball, soft ball, etc., but there exists no organized competition among these teams, so that games are merely played at random.

"We in our union have been faced with this very problem of arranging games but have been hampered by the lack of contact with other union teams," states the conference call.

"We are therefore taking the initiative in calling delegates from all unions to a conference for the above purpose.

"It is very important that you take this matter up at your next regular meeting and select at least one delegate to this conference. If you have a mixed membership, send one man and one woman."

L. A. COUNCIL DUCKS 'LEGAL SCAB' CHARGE

Refers Amalgamated Clothing Workers' Charge to Green

LOS ANGELES—Central Labor Council delegates on Friday, April 30, voted 131 to 75 to sustain a motion accepting an Executive Board recommendation to refer to AFL president Green charges of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers accusing the United Garment Workers of "legalized scabbery."

An amendment calling for the rejection of that part of the report of the Executive Board dealing with the Amalgamated was voted down 124 to 93.

Buzzell's for "Legal" Scabbery

Two hours of heated argument preceded the vote. Significant was Secretary J.W. Buzzel's injection of the CIO-AFL issue into the discussion.

Declaring that it wasn't a question of which union was right or wrong, and saying that "we've got to defend those unions who are legitimate members of the American Federation of Labor," Buzzell pointedly referred to the Amalgamated's affiliation with the Committee for Industrial Organization.

Basis for the argument was the Amalgamated's accusation that, after it had ended a seven-month long strike against Rosenblum's Incorporated, and had signed an agreement granting union recognition and pay increases, the Garment Workers had stepped in, signed up the scabs who had worked during the strike, and had made a closed shop agreement with the company.

Expulsion Threat

Introduced at the previous week's meeting of the Council and referred to the Executive Board, the controversy was considered by many observers to be the first step toward expelling CIO unions here.

Buzzell, admitting that he thought CIO unions would eventually be expelled from the local council, declared that a ruling from President Green would decide "once and for all" whether the council was to continue seating CIO unions.

The Executive Board declared in its report that the dispute was "one of two things"! either a jurisdictional dispute between two unions in good standing in the AFL; or a dispute between one union in good standing, and one not in good standing. Throughout his discussion, Buzzell implied that it was the latter situation.

On Film Studio Strike

A communication presented by the Painters Union, local 644, calling upon the council to declare nine major motion picture studios on the "Unfair" list, was referred to the Executive Board "with power to act."

Despite a plea from the Painters Union delegate, to act "as quickly as possible," Buzzell declared that no action could be taken until the following Monday. Reason he gave was that it involved a situation similar to that of the Amalgamated versus the United Garment Workers.

In the studio strike, leaders of the powerful AFL International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employes have refused recognition to the strike and are scabbing by organizing scab make-up artists from Max Factor's and sending them through picket lines with an IATSE card.

AGRICULTURAL UNION LEADERS DISAVOW PAPER

Blast 'United Field Worker' Paper as Disruptive

LOS ANGELES—The second issue of the "United Field Worker," a Spanish and English publication for agricultural workers, published here had been denounced by agriculture union leaders.

The Japanese Farm Workers Union has voted to have nothing to do with a paper which tends to create disruption and hatred among the workers, Koken Ishida, general secretary of his union said.

"I had always thought that the paper could be of great help in maintaining unity and a useful guide to the agricultural workers," voiced Bernardo Lucero, general secretary of the CUCOM (Mexican Union).

CUCOM Head Raps "Paper"

He demanded that his name be stricken out of the editorial staff of the paper, and said that a majority of the members of his union would also demand the CUCOM's name out of the list of unions that appears in the letterheads of the paper.

"A supposedly agricultural paper which champions personal and political hatred, manifested in the last issue of the United Field Worker, can not help but ruin organization in agriculture," C.D. Mensalves, general secretary of the Filipino Labor Union, said. He also demanded the withdrawal of his name from the staff.

M. Delgado and Antonio Del Buono of the Mexican Field and Laborers Union of San Diego, and members of the board of the paper, were recently reported to have nothing to do with the "United Field Worker."

Managing Editor Resigns

"The United Field Worker could not serve its purpose of helping in the organization of the agricultural workers and could not claim itself organ of these workers, so long as the editor, A. Ramuglia, member of the Amalgamated Workers Union, and an executive member of a 'political group' and his wife, Nino Samorodin, control and run the paper," J. Mensalves, managing editor of the United Field Worker, declared.

"It shall continue to be a disruptive instrument in organization, by personal attacks upon the progressive leaders in the labor movement, who believed in the speedy militant organization of workers in every industry based upon the principles of democratic procedure and control. I cannot be a party to a paper that advocates 'splitting tactics,' and I have no choice but to resign from the staff."

The United Field Worker was originally designed to be the organ of the agricultural workers and to be run and controlled by them. Ramuglia was given the editorship of the paper upon assurance of his wife that she will raise $800 in a few weeks as initial fund for the paper. To date, the paper is indebted to the printer to the amount of $134.40.

WOMEN RAP CONDITIONS IN DAIRIES

LOS ANGELES—Of great significance in light of the present organizational drive under way by the CIO Dairy Workers Union is the following excerpt from the April bulletin of the League of Women Shoppers:

"Several trips to the dairies in our own community have convinced the League of Women Shoppers and cooperating organizations that women should get busy and protest the inhuman conditions which exist in most of the dairies.

"The life of the dairy-hand is in most cases so deplorable it behooves the consumer, through her organization or as an individual, to see to it that decent living conditions are provided for the dairy-workers with time off for leisure and recreation."

FORM OROVILLE CULINARY LOCAL

OROVILLE, Butte County — Approximately 45 workers signed the charter for an Oroville local of the Culinary Workers and Bartenders Union, organized here last week. Harry Hines was elected president.

SHOE LEADER



POWERS HAPGOOD, New England secretary for the Committee for Industrial Organization, who was seized on a contempt order after he urged Maine shoe strikers to keep up the struggle despite an injunction.

Tintypes

An AFL organizer named Roland:

"Quick, Watson, the magnifying glass!"

On second thought, Roland, you can skip it, for even the magnifying glass can't make your union-splitting soul a mite bigger than a pea.

Brother Roland B. Watson, brothers. They say when you're in jail you make little ones out of big ones. Brother Watson's specialty is trying to make little craft locals out of big industrial unions. He's also good at making splinters out of Central Labor Councils.

But, say, Brother Watson's a man of many talents. He's got another specialty—making federal locals out of company unions, and making federal local officials out of company superintendents.

And woe betide any Labor Council that tries to stop him.

"You aint a-going to stop me," he tells the Labor Councils.

He got such a tongue lashing at the San Francisco Labor Council because he tried to make a federal local out of a company union in the Western Sugar Workers, he wondered where the "sugar" was going to come in.

Maybe there's more than one kind of "sugar" that comes out of a sugar works, eh, Brother Watson?

More Workers Out In Plantations Strike on Maui

HONOLULU—News received from Antonio Fagel, president of the Vibora Luviminda, plantation workers' organization, told of more workers joining the walkout of more than 1000 workers of the Puuene plantation camps 2 and 3. Workers on Camp 5, Puuene, joined in walking out, more in form of a sympathy strike. The plantations on Maui are owned by Alexander and Baldwin.

Fagel stated

Struck for More Pay

"On Tuesday morning, when the cane cutters of Camps 2 and 3 entered the field to tackle a very thick cane, they were told by the manager, a Mr. Walker, they would be paid less than they were getting before. However, the workers took a look at the thick cane and demanded they be paid more, as the cane was very thick.

"Meanwhile, the workers stayed out in the field but did no work on the cane, pending outcome of their talk with Walker. The big shot of the camp bosses, Frank Baldwin, came along and told them to get back to work and keep their mouths shut. The workers then began to walk off the cane fields.

Strike in Solidarity

"They promised themselves they would not enter the fields again unless they got an increase in wages. At a mass meeting of the strikers, a resolution was adopted demanding Baldwin negotiate with them immediately.

"Immediately the next morning, Camp 5, after seeing the stubbornness of the bosses, walked off the fields demanding the company negotiate with the strikers. Camp 5 workers are estimated around 800 workers."

Fagel was warned by company gangsters to stay away from the strike scene if he didn't want to be found among the sugar cane with his throat cut.

Demand Ousting of Stoolies

Besides higher wages, the strikers have raised the demand of moving the stool-pigeons and "suckers" off the plantations, charging most of these "suckers" are foremen and treat the workers like rats, not only in an abusive manner but cheating them on money when it comes to weighing the cane on the scales.

Newspapers have refused to comment on this strike, for fear it might reach the eyes of workers on other plantations, on other islands.

Seamen and longshoremen in Honolulu and Hilo have gone on record as supporting the strikers in every manner possible.

Hearings in Salinas

S. F. COUNCIL HITS WATSON'S EAST BAY ACTS

Blasts Undemocratic Lifting of Labor Body's Charter

SAN FRANCISCO—Organized labor in this city went emphatically on record against the undemocratic revocation of the charter of the Alameda County Central Labor Council by Roland Watson, AFL organizer acting for the AFL Executive Council.

At its meeting on Friday, April 30, the council adopted the following resolution:

Whereas: On Monday evening, April 26, the charter of the Alameda Labor Council was arbitrarily revoked for alleged violation of certain rulings made by President William Green of the American Federation of Labor; and

Whereas: The Council was not given full and complete opportunity to act on these rulings since it regularly adjourned until the next meeting of the Council; and

Whereas: The charter was arbitrarily revoked without giving a full, complete and fair hearing to the Labor Council; and

Whereas: This action of the organizer Roland Watson is contrary to every democratic principle of trade union democracy; and

Whereas: Such actions as taken by Mr. Roland Watson, AFL representative, can only mean creating disunity and disharmony in the organized labor movement—with ultimate benefits for the employers and their allies rather than for the workers; and

Whereas: If the organized labor movement, through its regularly constituted bodies, does not make itself heard in protest against such arbitrary and undemocratic actions, nothing can result but making the organized labor movement vulnerable to attacks from anti-Union employer interests; therefore be it

Resolved: That the San Francisco Labor Council officially go on record as emphatically condemning and protesting such actions of Mr. Roland Watson, the representative of President Green of the AFL; and be it further

Resolved: That we demand immediately upon President Green to order his representative, Mr. Roland Watson, to return the Charter to the Alameda Labor Council as constituted at the last meeting of that body and that such status of the Council be preserved intact and that this Council go on record of the regularly elected delegates and officers of the Alameda Labor Council, as constituted at the last meeting of that body, pending final decision of the entire matter; and, be it finally

Resolved: That copies of this resolution be forwarded immediately to President William Green, to Mr. Roland Watson and to all of the Central Labor Councils in the State of California, requesting their concurrence, and to the Press.

SUPERVISORS WANT WORKERS IN UNIFORMS

LOS ANGELES—"To prepare" county employes for "national emergencies," the Board of Supervisors voted on April 28, to send employes to summer training camps of the California National Guard on two weeks' vacation with full pay.

Reactionary Supervisor Leland M. Ford, speaking in favor of the board's action, declared "we should encourage our citizens to prepare themselves for possible national emergencies, in which they may far more than repay the investment involved."

John Anson Ford, supervisor from the 3rd District and candidate for mayor in the city elections, opposed the plan.

MACHINISTS WIN

LONG ISLAND CITY, N. Y.—Machinists Local 1548 signed an agreement with Etched Metal Products Co., registering gains after a 5-week strike, which was a sit-down until the men were ejected by force.

ILGWU Is Still Growing

NEW YORK—The International Ladies Garment Workers Union convention, convening at Atlantic City May 3 for a 2-week session, speaks for a membership of 243,000, or 43,000 above the figure reported at the 1934 convention, President David Dubinsky said at a pre-convention press conference.

This is regarded as an important growth, as the 1934 meeting took place at the crest of the NRA wave, which had carried the number of affiliates from a pre-1933 figure of only 40,000.

Still Going Forward

"Friends feared and enemies expected a collapse of this growth from the NRA," Dubinsky said. "Instead we have received a net gain of 43,000 members since 1934."

In the past six weeks, 12,000 workers have been added, and developments in steel and autos have made unorganized workers "mores responsive than ever," he said.

Most notable recent growths have been in cotton dress shops in Kansas City, Dallas, Memphis and the state of Pennsylvania. Cotton dresses, still only 25 per cent organized nationally as against 95 per cent for cloaks and suits and 97 per cent for silk dresses, constitute the big organizational task of the immediate future, along with underware and knitgoods, Dubinsky said.

236 ILGWU Locals

The executive board report lists 236 chartered locals and 21 joint boards and district councils in 111 cities and 28 states and Canadian provinces. The union employes 998 persons in its international and local offices, including officers, organizers and office and technical personnel.

Of 1935 disbursements of about $4,000.000, $2,100,000, or more than half, went for organizing. The convention is expected to discuss the industrial-craft union situation extensively.

L.A. County Field Unions Sign Up Agreement

LOS ANGELES — A county-wide contract involving 80 per cent of all Japanese growers in the county was signed April 30 by representatives of the Mexican, Japanese, Filipino Unions and delegates of the Southern California Farm Federation, before Thomas Barker of the Industrial Relations Board at the State Building.

The contract will be in effect from May 1 until December 31, 1937.

Contract System Abolished

The important points of the contract, according to the workers, are the recognition of the unions as agent for collective bargaining for the workers and the abolishment of the contract system in the field work.

The unions have also the right to send field delegates into the fields at any time of the day to check on the workers. The growers must furnish the field delegate names of his workers so as to help the field delegate and avoid unnecessary interference in the work.

Minimum wages of 30 cents an hour for all general field work and 30 cents minimum for celery and other skilled work, were set.

It was also provided that there should be equal pay for men and women in the same kind of work.

A grievance committee of equal number of delegates from the growers and the unions was set up to negotiate any dispute that may arise in the execution of the contract.

Preliminary arrangements are being made to negotiate with the few individual growers not covered by the contract.

Warehousemen in San Jose Celebrate Two Brand New Victories

SAN JOSE—Celebrating contracts signed with Wellman-Peck and Western States Grocery companies, Warehousemens Union, San Jose branch, celebrated with a barbecue here last week. Contracts call for 70 cents an hour, time and a half for overtime, 44-hour week and week's vacation with pay, retroactive to April 15. The union is negotiating with other plants, said Business Agent Montes.

WORKERS GET INSIGHT INTO BIG SELL-OUT

Labor Bd. Hearings Expose Enemies, Exploiters

By a Lettuce Worker

SALINAS—For the past three weeks, one of the strangest lists of witnesses ever to appear before the public eye are daily parading before the lettuce workers of Salinas, at the Regional Labor Board hearings on charges brought by the Fruit and Vegetable Workers Union.

From labor-hating, red-baiting Sanborn down to the bosses' agents within the union, the workers have received a wonderful insight as to who are their enemies and who live off their sweat and blood.

Sanborn, cowardly and yellow without his armed bodyguards, proved a flop by actually being terrorized to the extent that he not only refused to talk but could not, even if he wished.

Thus one red-baiter showed just the type that attack militant workers who are fighting against reaction. They fight only if they are heavily armed.

The next witness, the chief of police, proved to be only a tool of the bosses, and after much questioning his mind failed.

The highlights of the whole case are the exposures of both the fascist-minded authorities and their tools hiding within the AFL.

Argill Campbell, Monterey Attorney, took the stand and exposed the whole rotten set-up in Salinas. Time and again he proved the Grower-Shipper Assn. ruled Salinas and defied any and all who dared dispute their rule.

Fortunately, Campbell himself was exposed as a tool of the Grower-Shipper Assn. in the cross-examination by the shippers' attorney. The bosses, after using Campbell turned around and exposed him as a stool. Campbell admitted he received a list of 35 "reds" from two unnamed officials of the Salinas union but refused to state who they were. Campbell not only exposed his masters but they exposed him as their agent.

Next in line came Attorney Aram. He practically spoke word for word, the same as his partner, Campbell. Under cross-examination, in turn was exposed. Aram admitted he attempted to have the chief of police arrested for neglect of duty.

The next exposure came when Aram was connected with Vandeleur's sell-out proposal. He laid all the blame on Vandeleur, yet admitted Vandeleur did not place the proposal before the union but he as chairman did.

Aram once threatened to sue the Western Worker because he was accused of attempting to sell out the strike. This trial proves why he did not go through with his suit.

Every worker in the court room here was aware that it was not Aram's fault the strike was not sold out.

He admitted Vandeleur gave him orders to leave town for a week, which he did in hopes the arrested strikers would become terrified and return to work under the sell-out proposal. During this week, the reactionary press attacked him leaving helpless strikes before anti-labor judges without legal defense. Aram stated this seemed the correct thing to do at the time.

All this exposing was done by the shippers' attorney, who openly showed his hatred for such fakers who go into workers' unions to sell them out.

Under questioning, it was brought out this was his first time in acting as a union attorney in a labor dispute. The shippers' attorney asked why such a man as he was sent into a place where it could be easily seen an experienced attorney was needed, especially since good attorneys in California are numerous. Aram said he was picked by Cowan for Vandeleur, representing the AFL.

This shows the agriculture workers the type of bosses and agents they must fight. The whole strike and every militant members was branded "red" by Aram. No wonder the phonies and bosses hollered "red."

In spite of all the terror and tricks, they had a hell of a tough time in breaking the strike.

Business Agent Bob Says . .

"They say Fleishhacher's worth a couple of million dollars," a union brother said to me the other day.

"Do you think that's right?"

"It's not right," I said, "and he's not worth it. But I think he's got it."